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BRIGHTER BUSINESS.

Efforts To Restore Confidence In Note Issue.

IRONSIDES CONTINUE THEIR MARCH TOWARDS KIANGSI.

Things seem to be going fairly well with the present Canton Government under General Li Chai-sum, who has made considerable progress in the task of putting his house in order.

"Successes" in the East River basin against the Ironsides have been confirmed. Or, at least, it is definitely known that the Ironsides have increased their distance from Canton, although the Government army has not caught up with them.

The small and obsolete units comprising the Canton Navy are under the Government; at Swatow, the Northern cruiser "Haichi," the biggest warship under the Chinese flag, is also joining hands with the Canton Government.

REDS AT SWATOW.

Tension at Swatow and hinterland has eased slightly although vigilance is still maintained. Danger from political opponents has passed, but the Red element in the vicinity has yet to be suppressed.

From semi-official sources it is learned that the Ironsides have evacuated, Hoyuen, about 120 miles eastward of Canton and are continuing their march up the East River toward the Kiangsi frontier. Kwangsi forces under the Canton Government are expected to enter Hoyuen at any moment.

The cruiser "Haichi" is believed to have arrived at an understanding with the two Cantonese warships, "Feiyang" and "Chungshan."

Help for the Government in averting a financial crisis has been promised by the merchants, but it remains to be seen whether the people of Canton will be able to find a sum which they failed to provide a few months ago to the same "borrowers." The subject is referred to below.

Loan Proposals.

Canton, Yesterday. The Sun Co.'s establishment reopened for business yesterday, after an interval of some time following the Red riots in the city last month.

Paper money (issued by the Government's bank) is accepted in public at 80 per cent. discount and goods are, accordingly, so much the dearer.

To-day General Li Chai-sum sent a representative to attend a meeting of merchants and shopkeepers convened by the Special Chamber of Commerce of the city.

Confidence Expressed.

The object is to find a loan of \$10,000,000 for the Government to restore confidence in the bank-note issue, calls for which will be made on all business establishments.

Following the meeting, it was confidently expressed that the notes will rise in value immediately. In one quarter, it has stated that par may be reached in two days or not later than the end of the week. The meeting was held at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. on the Bund.

NANKING SOLDIERY.

Evacuate All Foreign Property.

Nanking, Yesterday. All foreign property here has been evacuated.—British Naval Wireless.

[This message is believed to indicate that the Chinese military which some time ago billeted itself in foreign-owned houses and offices has now vacated.]

SHANGHAI DEFENCES.

New Commissioner to Be Appointed.

Shanghai, Yesterday. General Chang Chun-ke is stated to be appointed Defence Commissioner. He now commands the Fourth Independent Division of the Nationalist Army.

YANGTZE TURMOIL.

Defeat For Nanking Army.

MILITARY POWERS.

Nationalists Order Arrest Of Yang Sen.

Hankow, Yesterday. That turmoil in Central China, along the Yangtze River, may be impending, is evident from the following reports to hand:

A part of the armies which formerly supported the (now defunct) independent Hankow Government (of which General Tang Seng-chi was chief) has defeated the (nominally pro-Nanking) forces which, after crushing the Hankow Government, marched southward up the Siang River (a tributary of the Yangtze) on Hunan province. The defeated Nationalist army is the 19th.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, at Nanking, is seeking an alliance with the ex-Hankow armies, these being the 8th, 35th and 36th, which are commanded by General Ho Chien and others. The control of these armies, however, may pass back to General Tang Seng-chi who is believed to have returned to Hunan (after fleeing, upon defeat, to Japan).

Military factions in power along the lower Yangtze (i.e., from Hankow downward) are not in favour of Chiang Kai-shek, due largely to his marriage into the family of Mr. T. V. Soong, who was Finance Minister at Hankow and is now Finance Minister at Nanking. The Generals are afraid that the Chiang-Soong combination may deprive them of their lucrative posts.

General Fang Tsen-wu, who intended coming down toward Hankow from the North to join the Nationalists, is stated to have withdrawn northwards, out of Hupeh province.

Along the upper Yangtze, General Yang Sen's position does not appear too secure. The Nationalist Government at Nanking opposes him and has instructed Liu Hsiang, military governor of Szechuan province (on the upper reaches of the Yangtze), as commander of the 21st Nationalist Army, to arrest Yang Sen.—British Naval Wireless.

BAN ON WAR.

AMERICA & "ENTANGLING ALLIANCES."

BRAND'S SUGGESTION.

Washington, Yesterday. As indicated in the message of the 7th inst., official opinion is hardening against Mr. Brand's suggestion to outlaw only "aggressive wars." Scarcely less importance is attached to Mr. Brand's desire for the immediate ratification of the treaty as between France and the United States in view of the American abhorrence of "entangling alliances."

Authoritative circles forecast that the United States will insist upon a categorical pronouncement against "all war" and any treaty will be multilateral from the beginning but if negotiations break down, it is still possible that Mr. Kellogg and Mr. Brand will deal with the preamble of the Arbitration Treaty in which a definite though not so far-reaching a pronouncement against war can be appropriately placed.—Reuter's American Service.

IRAK CABINET.

RESIGNATION OF THE PREMIER.

SEQUEL TO TREATY.

Bagdad, Yesterday. Following the recent resignation of the Ministers of Finance and the Interior on the publication of the terms of the Treaty between Great Britain and Iraq, the Premier, Jafar Pasha, has tendered his resignation to King Faisal who has ordered the formation of a new Cabinet.

It is believed that Jafar Pasha's resignation is due to a difficulty in finding suitable substitutes for the resigned Ministers.—Reuter.

A NANKING LEVY.

Mr. Soong Calls For Over Eight Millions.

BY JANUARY 15.

Provincial Treasuries Opium, Salt & Customs To Be Tapped.

Shanghai, Yesterday. Mr. T. V. Soong (brother-in-law of Chiang Kai-shek), who has just been re-appointed Nationalist Finance Minister, has called a meeting of the finance officials from the provinces of Kiangsu, Chekiang and Anhui.

Quotas were allotted by Mr. Soong of contributions by the various revenue bureaus to the Nationalist Exchequer. Mr. Soong's request is for a total of over \$8,000,000, to be remitted by Jan. 15, from provincial treasuries, opium bureaus, fields, salt, cigarette, liquor, and Customs surtaxes.—Kung Sheung Yat Po.

Political Quarrels. Overnight cables report little progress in the Nationalist camp at Nanking, following Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's resumption of duty.

Political quarrels between the cliques have not been healed nor has a solution been found. The group of radicals known as the "Canton faction" is still disgruntled.

A Chinese cable says that Chinese Communists, assisted by a fraternity known as the "big swords" and Red troops, have attacked a town in Manchuria, where they are now fighting the Fengtien troops sent against them.

ROYAL GIFT.

"THE DESCENT FROM THE CROSS."

FOR NEW YORK CATHEDRAL.

New York, Yesterday. Bishop Manning has announced that the King of the Belgians has



King of Belgium.

given to the Cathedral of St. John the Divine a plaque representing "the descent from the Cross" which formerly adorned the chapel of the King's father.—Reuter.

DIPLOMATIC CORPS.

A TRANSFER TO SANTIAGO DE CHILE.

Rugby, Yesterday. His Majesty the King has approved the appointment of Mr. Archibald John Clark Kerr, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at Guatemala, to be Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at Santiago de Chile.—British Wireless Service.

CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

OBSTRUCTION CLEARED AFTER LANDSLIDE.

The motor road between Chinwan and Castle Peak, which was blocked as the result of a landslide following the rain during the week-end, has been cleared of the obstruction and is now open for traffic.

BUILDING CLAIM.

Two Contractors at Law.

HOUSES IN KOWLOON.

Large Sum Asked For Alleged Extra Work.

In the Supreme Court this morning the action brought as a consequence of a dispute arising out of the building of 15 European-style houses on Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1301 at Yaumati was resumed before the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, when the defendant gave evidence.

The Sang Loong contractors, 14 Man Lam Street, Yaumati, are suing the owner of the houses, Lui Siu-ching, 10 Wing Lok Street, for \$26,187.40. Of this amount \$7,000 is claimed as due under the building contract dated January 3, 1924, and \$19,187.40 as payment for extra work done in connection with the building of the houses.

The defendant's counterclaim for \$8,770.11 as damages for defective and unsatisfactory work and omissions.

It is claimed by the defence that some of the extra work claimed for is not extra work but work ordinarily necessary for the completion of the contract.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin, instructed by Mr. A. E. Hall, is for the plaintiff and Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., instructed by Mr. E. S. C. Brooks, is defending.

Defective Work.

Continuing his evidence defendant said it cost him \$1,745.11 to put the defective work right.

Cross-examined by Mr. Jenkin, defendant agreed that in certain instances his books did not agree with plaintiff's. With the exception of the external Shanghai plastering at a cost of \$5,000 there was not, he contended, any extra work at all.

Further questioned, defendant said he had been in the building trade for seven years. For his own houses, built on Government land he engaged his own labour and bought his own materials. He himself occasionally examined the books and the work.

Not Mentioned.

Questioned regarding the houses the building costs of which formed the subject of this suit, defendant said he engaged Mr. Raven to draw up the plans before the contract was signed. He agreed there was no mention in the plans of wells, pump houses or tanks, but said he told plaintiff that these things would have to be included in the tender.

The case is proceeding.

INDIAN BARRISTER.

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE IN COLONY.

C. J.'S GOOD WISHES.

Mr. Kahan Singh Chowdhury was this morning admitted to practice in the Colony as a barrister.

Sir Joseph Kemp, the Attorney General, in making application before the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, in the Supreme Court, said that Mr. Chowdhury was called to the Bar of the Honourable Society of King's Inn, Dublin, on November 1, 1924.

In making the admission His Lordship said he trusted Mr. Chowdhury would meet with all success.

Mr. Chowdhury, it is understood, is the first Indian barrister to be admitted to practise in Hong Kong. He formerly practised in Sandakan, British North Borneo.

MINE EXPLOSION.

EIGHT MEN KILLED IN ILLINOIS.

TEN MISSING.

West Frankfort, (Illinois), Yesterday. Eight miners have been killed and ten are missing as the result of an explosion in the industrial Coal Company's mine.—Reuter's American Service.

CANTON OFFICIALS.

TWO DETAINED MEN IN POLICE COURT.

PUBLIC MONEY?

Possession of \$100,000 Allegedly Known Stolen.

HEAVY BAIL GRANTED DESPITE POLICE OPPOSITION.

Indications that there is more in the charge against the two Chinese from Canton detained for possessing moneys allegedly known to have been stolen were given in the Central Magistracy this morning when the pair again appeared before Mr. Roger Edward Lindsell, Police Magistrate.

Details of their arrest and the charge against them were exclusively given in last Saturday's "China Mail."

Mr. M. K. Lo, appearing for the Cantonese, this morning made an application for bail and queried the Court's jurisdiction in proceeding with the charge.

Mr. T. H. King, Director of Criminal Intelligence, opposed the application, and indicated that the amount at stake might be one million dollars instead of \$100,000. He said that official intimation had been received to the effect that Canton was applying for the extradition of the men.

His Worship eventually granted bail in the sum of \$50,000 to each accused.

COURT'S JURISDICTION.

Wong Chong-chi and Chiu Pok-shan, the two Chinese from Canton who were last Saturday remanded in police custody by Mr. Roger Edward Lindsell on a charge of the possession of \$100,000 between December 27 and January 5, knowing the money to have been stolen from the Central Bank of China, again appeared before the Magistrate at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Mr. M. K. Lo appeared for the defence. Mr. T. H. King, Director of Criminal Intelligence, applied for another three days' remand. He said he understood that official intimation had been received that a requisition for the accused's extradition would be made, and hoped at the end of the three days to be able to place the requisition before the Court.

In addition, Mr. King informed the Magistrate that Messrs. Deacon's had been retained by the Canton Authorities in the case, and Mr. Wadeson was present in Court to watch the proceedings.

To Prosecute.

Mr. Wadeson agreed, and said that as he did not know the facts of the case he was leaving the application for a further remand in the hands of Mr. King. As a matter of fact, he added, his firm had been retained to prosecute in the case.

The Magistrate inquired if a requisition for extradition had been made, and Mr. King said that all he knew for the present was that an official telegraphic intimation had been received that a requisition would be made.

Extraordinary.

Asked for his views on the matter, Mr. Lo said that he did not exactly know how to view Mr. King's application, which he said was rather extraordinary. The accused, he proceeded, had been arrested on sworn information given by Sergeant Rozeksky, and without asking anyone to come down from Canton to make the declaration, a Magistrate of Hong Kong issued a warrant for their arrest.

Mr. Lindsell said that he understood that a man did come down from Canton to give the information. Mr. Lo asked why this man had not been required to swear the information instead of Sergeant Rozeksky. If the issuing of warrants for arrest went on hearsay deposition, Counsel contended, that was a dangerous procedure, especially as the warrant was issued by a Magistrate of this Colony which had nothing to do with any regime in any other part of the world.

Political Complaint?

Proceeding, Mr. Lo said that on the last occasion he did not persist in applying for bail because he understood that the police wanted time to investigate the matter.

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A reception to welcome the Rev. A. and Mrs. Swann will be held in the Cathedral Hall at 4.30 the same afternoon. The Church Body extend a cordial invitation to all interested in the work of the Cathedral to be present on this occasion.

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THE PROCESSION.

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THE VICE-CHANCELLOR.

Pleads Cause of The University.

The Vice-Chancellor (Mr. W. W. Hornell, C.I.E.), spoke as follows:—Your Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,—Yet another troubled year has gone and the University still holds on its way. I take this opportunity of acknowledging once again the loyalty of the students of the University. We are still hedged in with difficulties, and our future, as is to-day the future of many places and institutions in China, is clouded with a doubt. I am not going to weary you again with a survey of our activities and operations; those who are sufficiently interested will have an opportunity of reading them in the University report for 1927. My distinguished predecessor, Sir Charles Elliot, is generally credited with having designed these amazing garments in which I am compelled annually to appear before you on the lines of the vestments of some high Buddhist Ecclesiastic. It is one of the privileges and duties of a Buddhist Ecclesiastic to beg, but even though

I am dressed for the part I am not going round this afternoon with the begging bowl.

The Britisher and Education. The Britisher whose hard lot it is to be connected with education, finds the attitude of his countrymen towards this vital problem a little difficult to follow. He is told that there is far too much education and with varying degrees of truculence it is impressed upon him that the deterioration and disintegration of the social organism (for the world is always getting worse) are largely due to his mistaken activities. The poor pedagogues in the humility of his spirit (for pedagogues are always poor and generally humble) is inclined at first to plead guilty to conspiracy against the common weal, and laying aside his ferule to anticipate by a few years his eventual retreat into the workhouse. He must go; does it matter when? But as he surveys the world which eyes him with such persistent suspicion, he is surprised to find that schools and colleges are everywhere full to overflowing and that his critics are besieging the doors of those very pedagogues whom they so unhesitatingly condemn. Why even I have been approached by more than one merchant prince and asked to use my influence to secure the admission of his son to a college in that mediaeval backwater—the University of Oxford. I never met the late Henry Lester of Shanghai, but I am assured by those who knew him that he was by no means a soft sentimentalist, but rather a hard-headed business man, and yet Henry Lester has left handsome sums of money to establish and endow two more educational institutions in Shanghai.

America and Universities. The United States of America are not the British Isles nor are the Americans the British, but only last week a man who had just come from a study of the University of California (and he was a British subject not an American) told me that, including those students who are attending what we call in England "Extension lectures" there are at this moment in the state of California alone not less than 200,000 persons who are taking some form of university course. The demand for education in the world to-day is in fact universal and irresistible. It is a flood which no individual or collection of individuals, no political party, no religious organisation, no Government, can stem. But are all these enthusiastic students being merely lured by a Will-o'-the-Wisp further and further into the desert of unreality and disenchantment? Of course, education as an art suffers acutely from the limitations of its media and every school and every college has its failures. In all the world there is no one more helpless or more hopeless than the half-educated man or woman whose head is stuffed with half-baked and wholly undigested conceits. Bill Sykes went to work with a dog and a bludgeon; the modern crackman runs into safes and through burglar proof doors with a nicely adjusted scientific apparatus. Education scattered broadcast without adequate safeguards and proper standards may disintegrate society and produce that most dangerous of social parasites—a literary proletariat. And education is costly. It is economic madness to pour the wealth of the community into educational facilities which can never be productive. The taxpayer has a right, may a duty, to insist that money spent on education should be productive, but if he is to be a worthy citizen of no mean city he must be prepared to take a generous and far-sighted view of the returns expected. Considerations of this kind undoubtedly weigh with the conservative and slow-moving Britisher especially when he discusses politics at his Club. But when in his capacity as a father he is providing for the future of his children then his instincts outrun his principles. Education may be dangerous but he must take the risk; his children at any rate must be equipped to face life in the world of to-day with all its marvellous opportunities and its tremendous problems.

"Scientific Credulity."

And the great problem of mankind is now, as it always has been; the problem of human understanding. Just as in the industrial sphere man is in danger of being mastered by his own machine, so in the sphere of knowledge he is at the moment hopelessly outrun by his own instruments. We are accumulating staggering facts but we are making no corresponding imaginative development. We have acquired a sort of scientific credulity and now-a-days, as Mr. Bernard Shaw has pointed out, we will accept anything from the high priests of science, just as readily as the tales of witch doctors and the stories of those who claimed to be divinely inspired were swallowed in Europe in the middle ages. And wisdom lingers long after knowledge has come. Our brains are limited and the universe appears to be largely a whirl. When our heads get into the necessary whirl, what little consciousness we have departs from us. A newspaper appropriate training would be to get apprenticed to one of the sects of Whirling Dervishes of Asia Minor. These men have always claimed that they can reach beatific states where they feel themselves in tune with the motions of the universe. And it is certain that they do reach conditions of consciousness quite alien to ours and cut themselves with knives without pain. But the ordinary man must have stability even though he knows that stability is a sheer illusion; seeing that everything is relative.

And when we turn from the outward to the inward universe the case is no better. The very platform on which the University Corporation is now sitting is, I am assured, a whirling mass of millions of atoms and electrons dancing in ordered harmony. But even the University Corporation cannot cope with this stupendous fact. If it could, the majority of the University Corporation would probably leap from their seats declining any longer to sit on such a divine, and awe-inspiring platform.

Then turn to the individual. What is he but a mass of system and trafficking, ranging from respiration and blood-circulation to this same ultimate dance of electrons and atoms? The divine is all around us, but not only can we not apprehend it, but we feel that such apprehension would slay us—no dangerous is the thirst for God. The Great War and Its Heritage. The Great War and the world wide upheaval that went with it has burned into the consciousness of those who were boys and girls during its process an instinctive sense of the splendour of life and its awful brevity. The young men and the young women of to-day are demanding their full share in the heritage of humanity. They want to be actors in the stupendous drama of the universe, not merely bored spectators. To whom are they to turn but to those who are willing to teach them. The teacher has long since realised the inadequacy of the printed page. He knows that the cultivation of the imagination and the extension of consciousness is the task of the future and so he will show children the stars through great telescopes and spectroscopes; it is he alone who can by demonstrations in botany and physiology train their imaginative faculties to a truer conception of the Universe. And a truer conception of the Universe will also be a truer conception of the divine.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I stand once more before you to plead the cause of this University, not for what it is but for what it might become.

Bricks Without Straw.

H.E. the Governor said:—Mr. Vice-Chancellor, Members of the Congregation, Ladies and Gentlemen.

The conditions prevailing to-day in this University and in China prompt me to speak to you for a few minutes this afternoon on the subject of "making bricks without straw." Such an occupation is usually held to be not only unprofitable but even ridiculous, yet I venture to think that, rightly considered, men so engaged are not a laughing-stock and may perhaps be heroes. You will at once see what I mean, if I change the metaphor from brick-making to warfare, and recite to you a few lines of poetry which are little known, but which I can never read without a thrill. The lines are as follows:—

This I beheld or dreamed it in a dream. There spread a cloud of dust along a plain; And underneath the cloud, or in it, raged A furious battle; and men yelled; and swords Shock'd upon swords and shields. A prince's banner Waver'd, then stagger'd backward, hem'd by foes. A craven hung along the battle-fringe And thought:—"Had I a sword a keener edge— That blue blade that the King's son bears! But this Blunt thing!" He snapp'd and flung it from his hand, And lowering crept away and left the field. Then came the King's son, wounded, sore beset, And weaponless, and saw the broken sword, Hilt-buried in the dry and trodden sand, And ran and snatch'd it and with battle-cry Lifted afresh he hew'd his enemy down And saved a great cause that herold day.

Man's Tools.

The same idea is put negatively in the adage—"It is a poor workman who blames his tools." But I submit that we do better to present this thought positively and to realise the plain fact that primitive man had at first no tools whatsoever, and that we men of the twentieth century have reached our present level of civilisation because in by-gone centuries men did make bricks without straw.

Now this University has at present three faculties—medicine, arts and engineering—and I shall endeavour to illustrate what I have said by an example under each head. I shall not, however, go back to prehistoric times, but content myself with illustrations taken from ancient Greece, remembering that, as Lord Macaulay wrote with characteristic overstatement of a good case—"There is not one art, not one science, about which we may not use the same expression which Lucretius has employed about the victory over superstition—Primum Gradus homo."

Superstition. There was superstition enough in the Mediterranean world when the famous pioneer of western medical science, Hippocrates, was born in the little island of Cos more than 23 centuries ago. A whole system of magical, or at least non-rational,

pharmacy and medicine was then in vogue and all manner of bizarre oriental sorceries were prevalent in and around the Aegean islands, where the Father of Medicine spent a wandering life. He was himself born of a family of priest-physicians and brought up among its traditions and prejudices.

It was in such an environment that he founded a medical school which taught that the physician must be a patient observer of fact, sceptical of what is marvellous and unverifiable, but having faith in Nature as the healer of diseases. "Vis medicatrix naturae" is the phrase of later Latin writers and of the present day. The fine spirit of his medical school is best displayed in the so-called "Hippocratic oath," which remains the watchword of the medical profession, and which Professor Arthur Platt has translated thus:—

"I swear by Apollo the Physician and Aesclepius and Hygieia and Panacea, invoking all the gods and goddesses to be my witnesses, that I will fulfil this Oath and this written covenant to the best of my power and of my judgment."

Benefits For Patients.

"I will look upon him who shall have taught me this art even as on mine own parents; I will share with him my substance and supply his necessities, if he be in need; I will regard his offspring even as my own brethren and will teach them this art, if they desire to learn it, without fee or covenant. I will impart it by precept, by lecture and by all other manner of teaching, not only to my own sons but also to the sons of him according to the law of the physicians, but to none other."

"The regimen I adopt shall be for the benefit of the patients to the best of my power and judgment, not for their injury or for any wrongful purpose. I will not give a deadly drug to any one, though it be asked of me, nor will I lead the way in such counsel; and likewise I will not give a woman a pessary to procure abortion. But I will keep my life and my art in purity and holiness. Whatsoever house I enter, I will enter for the benefit of the sick, refraining from all voluntary wrongdoing and corruption, especially seduction of male or female, bond or free. Whatsoever things I see or hear concerning the life of men, in my attendance on the sick or even apart from my attendance, which ought not to be blabbed abroad, I will keep silence on them, counting such things to be as religious secrets."

"If I fulfil this oath and conduct it not, be it mine to enjoy life and art alike, with good repute among all men for all time to come; but may the contrary befall me if I transgress and violate my oath."

Served Great Cause.

Hippocrates died at Larissa in extreme old age about the year 377 B.C. His life's work, accomplished with no other appliances than observation and induction, was to destroy the view that diseases are due either to the attacks of demons or to their actual entry into the body—a view which even to-day is common enough—and to lay the foundations of the scientific study of medicine. He served a

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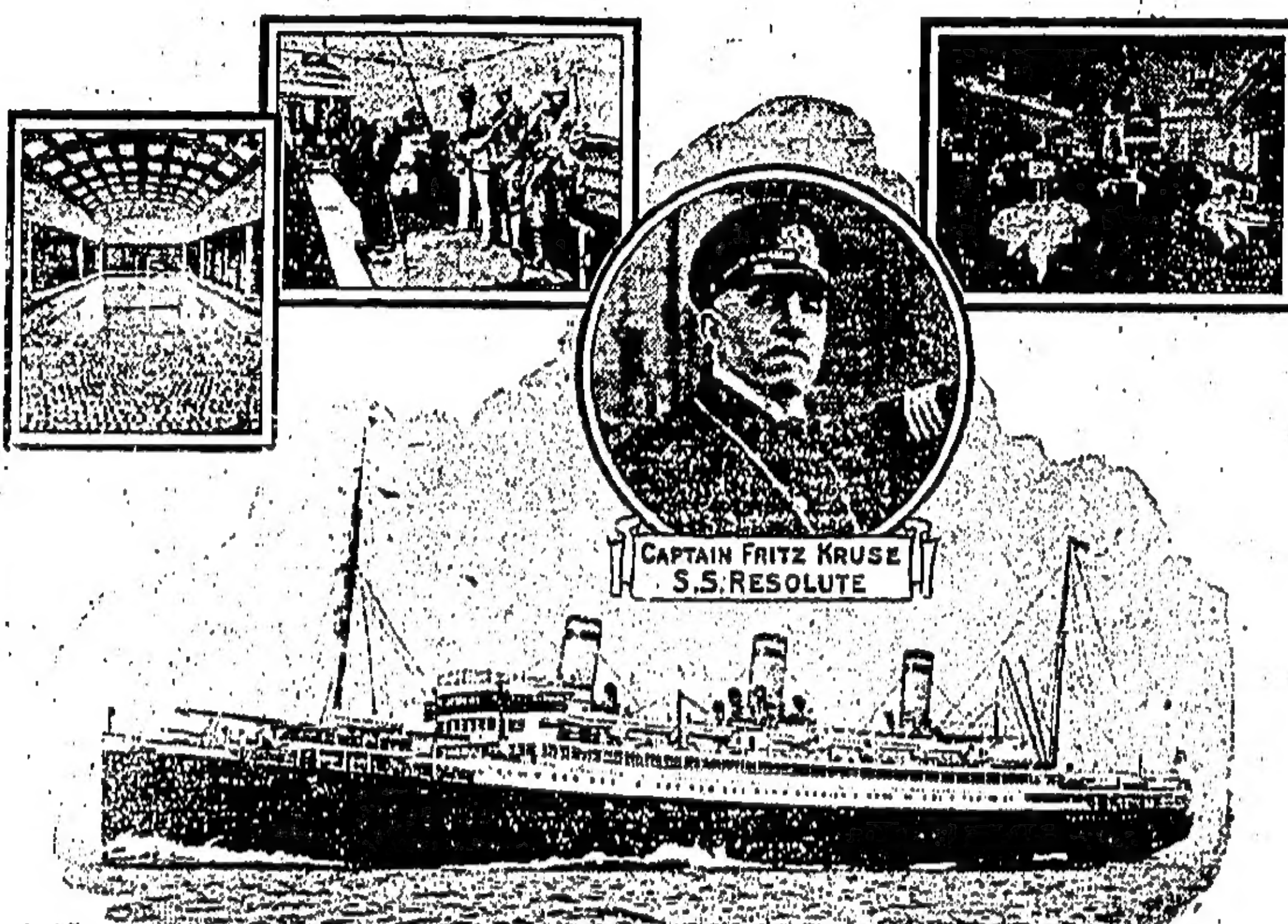
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MONGOLIA	10,504	14th Apr.	Marseilles & London
MOREA	10,905	28th Apr.	Marseilles & London
KASHGAR	9,005	5th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MALWA	10,980	25th May	Marseilles & London
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KHYBER	9,114	21st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KHIVA	9,125	28th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MACEDONIA	11,120	4th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
TANDA	6,950	7th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KARMALA	9,128	14th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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KASHMIR	8,985	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KALYAN	9,144	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MANTUA	10,948	2nd Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
*ST. ALBANS	4,500	6th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
*LAHORE	6,252	12th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MONGOLIA	10,504	17th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MOREA	10,905	30th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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S.S. "CITY OF DURHAM"	Via Suez Canal	23rd Mar.
S.S. "RHESUS"	Via Suez Canal	6th Apr.
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TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

THIS MORNING'S LIST.

Hop Sang (1,359) British, from Swatow, Jardine's—4 passengers, 506 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 971 tons general cargo through Weng, 4,538 British, from Shanghai, B. & S.—2 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 4,760 tons general cargo through.
Kalyan (5,680) British, from Shanghai, Mackinnon Mackenzie—243 passengers, 152 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 1,800 tons general cargo through.
Chonan (1,355) British, from Shanghai, Amoy, B. & S.—450 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 75 tons general cargo through.
New Mathilde (842) British, from Hiphong, Holchow, Yik Tai S.S. Co.—255 passengers, 1,450 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 1,450 tons general cargo through.
Pesa, Jefferson (8,443) American, from Manila, American Mail Line—223 passengers, 200 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 1,353 tons general cargo through.
Tonkin (907) French, from Hiphong, M.M.—21 passengers, 900 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 900 tons general cargo through.
Yoh Ludu Mowinkel (1,723) Norwegian, from Swatow, Hildaka & Co.
Prominent (1,377) Norwegian, from Saigon, We Fat Sing—211 passengers, 2,336 tons rice for Hong Kong.
Solvik (1,435) Norwegian, from Saigon, Fan Yuen Hong—3 passengers, 2,623 tons rice for Hong Kong.
Katori Maru (6,128) Japanese, from Singapore, N. Y. K.—222 passengers, 1,049 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 5,303 tons general cargo through.
Tak Hing (101) Chinese, from Macao, Hoo Hing—68 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.
Shiu Hing (114) Chinese, from Macao, Hoo Hing—5 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.
Cheng Lee (838) Chinese, from Chefoo, Shun Tai & Co.—500 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 200 tons general cargo through.
Hsin Foo Sing (997) Chinese, from Saigon, Yuen Shun Fat—1,900 tons rice for Hong Kong.

Departures.
For Swatow: Hellas, Ying Chow, Myranda, Haiyang, Fer Canton: Hop Sang.
For K. C. Wan: Tonkin, Sun Kong.
For Macao: Tak Hing.
For Dairen: Toyo Maru.
For Shanghai: Szechuen.
Clearances.
For Shanghai: Taiyo, Mara, Pres. Jefferson.
For Saigon: Wong Ssek Kung, Borbon.
For Swatow: Lushan Maru.
For Amoy: Nam Sang.
For Hongay: Milkesan Maru, Yunnan.

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Arrivals. Departures Port

British 5 5 25

Japanese 1 1 9

Norwegian 3 1 12

Chinese 4 2 18

French 1 1 1

American 1 0 2

Mexican 0 0 1

Panama 0 0 1

Dutch 9 0 5

Portuguese 0 0 3

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"FOOKLI" FOUNDERS.

"SINKIANG" RESCUES ELEVEN PERSONS.

12 LIVES BELIEVED LOST.

Shanghai, Yesterday.
The China Navigation Co.'s s.s. "Sinkiang" arrived today with 11 Chinese survivors of the steamer "Fookli," which foundered in the Hutan Strait after leaving Foochow.

While passing through the Strait the "Sinkiang" sighted wreckage, and a close watch was kept. As a result eleven survivors were found on a raft.

The "Fookli" was almost totally submerged.
Though the rescued stated that the captain and other of the "Fookli" got ashore in a boat no trace of them would be found by a landing party from the "Sinkiang."

It is believed that a dozen lost their lives.—Reuter.

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COOLIDGE OPPOSED.

Washington, Yesterday.
The Senate Commerce Committee has approved of a Bill introduced by Senator Wesley Jones, of Washington, to build up a merchant marine and maintain it under Government supervision through the Shipping Board.

It is understood that Senator Jones has drawn up a scheme providing for an expenditure of \$200,000,000 (gold) for this purpose.

On the other hand President Coolidge has repeated his declared opposition to any such proposal, and it is known that the Administration desires to dispose of the present merchant fleet at the earliest possible.—Reuter's American Service.

FALL INTO A HOLD.

CHINESE CARPENTER INJURED AT TAIKOO.

A Chinese carpenter working at Taikoo Docks was yesterday removed to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from injuries to his face received through accidentally falling into the hold of the s.s. "Tijilijap" which is at present in dock.

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MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

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Consignees of Cargo ex M.V. "Viminale," are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after Jan. 11.
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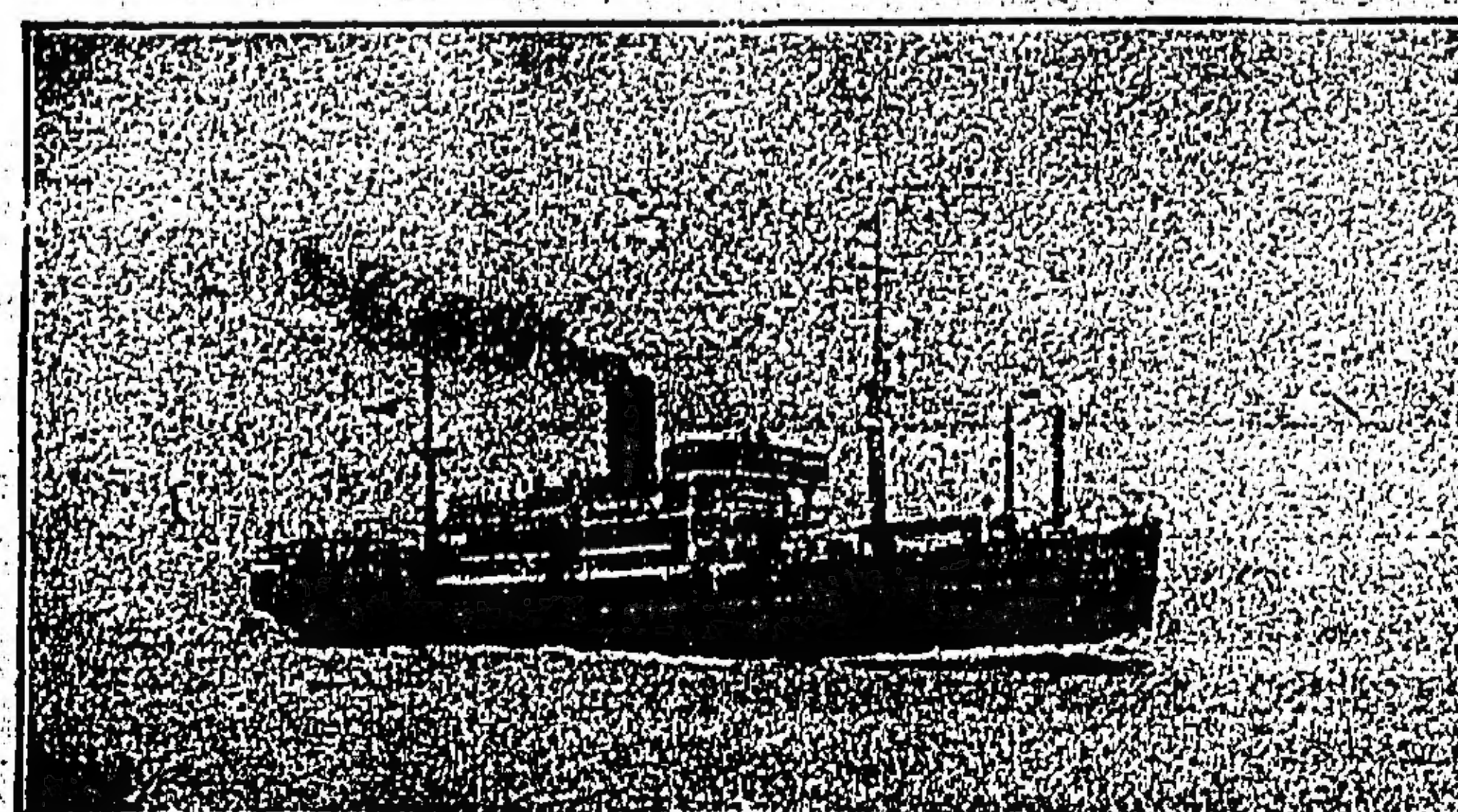
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A CLARION CALL.

Like the poor the sceptics are always with us. In regard to education, and particularly the education of Chinese, it may be that the number of sceptics has increased since the student class throughout China first identified themselves most ingloriously with the rise of sentiment against the foreigner at the bidding of Moscow. It is, therefore, most refreshing to find not only a contrary view but a view that has in it the elements of a stimulus to Chinese to further their education in this Colony in order to fit them to take their place in the fulness of time in the administration of their own nation. In spite of a hundred signs to the contrary as to the adverse effect of education—or rather of what Mr. W. W. Hornell, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Hong Kong, styled "half baked and wholly undigested conceits"—the education of Chinese in Hong Kong is neither illogical nor absurd. Still less may it be regarded as mis-spent energy. As His Excellency the Governor, in his capacity as Chancellor of the University, declared yesterday, "never in its history did China have more bitter need that her sons and daughters should prove themselves to be unselfish, honest, well-taught, well-disciplined, courageous, and truthful." All will re-echo most fervently his wish that their country's distress will be to the students in the University "both a clarion call and an inspiration" and that their training here may "fit them to come to the rescue of a civilization, once the admiration of the world but now falling in ruin before our eyes."

In seeking to implant to the Chinese students all the attributes that the Chancellor would have in the Chinese leaders of the future—trained in the University of Hong Kong—the University is in reality undertaking a work the immensity of which might well stagger the layman in matters educational. To instill the high principles of unselfishness, honesty, discipline, courage, and truth in all the students who year in and year out attend the University here appears the highest aim of education extant. Only optimism could make such an objective take a less exalted form. The University may, as the Chancellor points out, be working with "worn-out tools" and "trying to make bricks without straw," but these pathetic facts in themselves need not deter it from making the effort to mould the education it gives along the highest possible lines, so that in the yet dim and distant future the then leaders of the Chinese may rise up and call the University of Hong Kong truly blessed.

SCENE IN COURT.

A JEWISH WOMAN BOUND OVER.
LAWYER AS SURETY.

At the Central Magistracy this morning, Major C. Willson had before him a Chinese woman named Wong Chu-wan, and Sybil Joseph, a Jewish woman, who were charged with disorderly conduct by fighting in the street in town on Friday night. Both claimed that the other struck the first blow.

The Magistrate bound them both over in a surety of \$50 each to be of good behaviour for six months, or, in default, seven days' jail.

Joseph created scenes both inside and outside the Court. Eventually it was reported to the Magistrate that she was unable to find a surety, and she was committed to prison.

Later Mr. Leo d'Almada, sen., appeared in Court, and after a private consultation with his Worship, went surety for Joseph, who was released.

BACK AGAIN.

JAIL AND 20 STROKES FOR CHINESE.

Before Mr. Roger Edward Lindell at the Central Magistracy this morning a Chinese was charged with returning to the Colony after he had been banished for a period of ten years in December 1923. He pleaded "guilty."

Reading the accused's record, Sub-Inspector Vincent, in charge of Police Records, stated that on two occasions, in July and September 1923, the accused received ten strokes and 48 hours' detention, and in December of the same year 14 days' jail and six strokes for stealing. He was banished after serving his jail term.

Sentence of six months' hard labour and 20 strokes was passed.

ON POKFULUM ROAD

EUROPEAN CAR DRIVER FINED.

POLICE EVIDENCE.

At "traffic time" at the Central Magistracy this morning, Mr. J. Limage was summoned before Major C. Willson for driving motor car No. 2351 in a dangerous manner in Pokfulum Road at noon on New Year's Day.

He denied the charge.

Traffic Sub-Inspector Alexander said that he was on motor cycle patrol on the Pokfulum Road, going in the direction of Pokfulum when near the pumping station he saw motor car No. 399 approaching him on the left centre of the road. Behind this car was car No. 2351 which overtook No. 399 round a bend on the extreme right of the road. The witness drove his cycle off the roadway to the entrance of the pumping station and gave the defendant the whole road. After stopping for a few minutes to talk to the driver of car No. 399, the witness tried to catch the defendant up, but failed to do so.

The Whole Road.

By the Magistrate: Had another car, or the witness's own cycle been a few yards higher up the road near the bend, there would have been a smash, as the defendant's car was going very fast—not less than 30 miles per hour. As it was, the witness saw danger in remaining on the road and left it. The defendant must have seen him but did not slow up, so the Inspector decided it was safer to give him the whole road.

Defendant said that he attempted to pass car No. 399 near the Hotung Engineering School where there was a very slight bend. The road here, he claimed, was practically a straight one and he could see the corner of the University. The road was clear, there was not a single vehicle on the road. As the car in front was going very slow, the defendant thought that if he did not pass it before it got to Bonham Road, he would have to remain behind it until they reached Government House. Therefore he put on speed and passed the other car before reaching the pumping station. It was then that he noticed the police cycle, which had not sounded its hooter. Even then there was no danger as he had cleared the other car when still well off the pumping station.

Driver's Testimony.

The driver of car No. 399 said he was travelling at about 15 miles per hour when a large Fiat car suddenly passed him. It went so fast that he was unable to see its number. There was no horn sounded from behind before the Fiat flew past. Witness estimated the speed of the Fiat at over 20 m.p.h. When the Fiat was half past his car, the Inspector's cycle approached in the opposite direction. The Inspector drove off the road to allow the Fiat to pass. The witness did not signal the Fiat to pass him.

By the Magistrate: The witness thought that if the Inspector did not drive off the road there was little possibility of a crash.

Road Clear.

Mr. Carl Anulphy, who was in Mr. Limage's car, corroborated the defendant's statement that the road was clear of vehicle, and said they had a clear view in front of them as far as where Pokfulum Road went down an incline. Besides, car No. 399 was on the extreme left of the road, and there was plenty of space for Mr. Limage to pass. The witness also stated that Mr. Limage put on speed to between 25 and 30 miles per hour to pass the leading car. The Inspector's cycle appeared unexpectedly and the witness did not hear any horn. There was no need for the Inspector to leave the road as there was plenty of room on their right for a motor cycle to pass.

Mr. Limage asked the Inspector if it were unnecessary, even if cars were not in a control area, for the leading car to signal before it could be passed.

The Inspector replied that that should always be done.

Mr. Limage remarked that that was not done in other countries, where as long as the road was clear and there was room to pass a following car could go ahead of a slow moving car in front.

The Magistrate agreed with the Inspector that in Hong Kong a following car should wait to receive a signal before passing and finding the charge against the defendant proved, imposed a fine of \$10.

Mr. W. B. Montague, manager of Leming's estate, and Mrs. Montague, were entertained to a dinner prior to their departure for England on leave by Mr. and Mrs. S. Sinthana by Mr. and Mrs. Sinthana at the "Gaiety" Restaurant.

\$10 OR \$100?

CHARGE OF ALTERING NOTES.

A SERIOUS CASE.

Before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, a Chinese was charged with uttering two \$10 notes of the Mercantile Bank of India, the figures on which had been altered to make the notes represent those of \$100 denomination. The allegation against the man was that he uttered the notes at two different shops last Thursday and Saturday, respectively.

Two other Chinese were charged with having been concerned with the first man in the uttering of the second of the two forged notes.

According to Sergeant Brittain, who prosecuted, the first accused visited a shop at No. 655, Shanghai Street, on Thursday last, and after purchasing goods to the value of \$9, tendered one of the altered notes in payment. He received change, and it was not until later when the note was handed to the shopkeeper's brother and the latter attempted to change it that the note was discovered to be a forgery.

A Coincidence.

All the three accused on Saturday by a coincidence visited the shopmaster's brother's shop at No. 203, Lai-chi-kok Road and after making purchases, tendered the second forged note. The similarity of the note and the one previously passing by the first accused was immediately recognised, and all three accused were detained, and subsequently handed over to the police.

The Magistrate said he thought the case was a rather serious one and decided that it had better be made one for committal to the Criminal Sessions.

Further hearing, however, was adjourned until to-morrow.

FORGED NOTES.

PENAL SERVITUDE SENTENCES IN MANCHESTER.

SCAPEGRACE OF FAMILY.

The hearing of the charges of forging Treasury notes, or uttering them was concluded at the Manchester Assizes on November 30, when three of the men found guilty of uttering were sentenced. John Shen, 46, salesman, was sent to prison for fifteen months, George Freshney, 52, clerk, for eighteen months, and Harold Moore, 24, ship's steward, for six months.

Defective-sergeant King said Shea had eleven convictions for offences, including burglary and shopbreaking, but only one since the war, in which he served. Freshney, a native of Cheviot, near Wakefield, was a racecourse frequenter, confidence trickster, and associate of thieves. He was never known to follow employment of an honest nature. His convictions were mostly for being a suspected person. Moore was the son of a well-known Liverpool business man, but appeared to have been a sort of scapegrace of the family. He was not of the clever criminal type like the others. He had been dragged into that crowd, and had given the police every assistance.

The Court then considered the cases of Herbert Crawford, 26, signwriter, Michael Grogan, 32, steward, and Herbert Thomas, 32, clerk, charged with having conspired together to forge \$1 notes, Crawford pleaded guilty to making implements of forgery, of having them in his possession, and of having paper for notes. The other two pleaded not guilty.

Moore, who had been sentenced, gave evidence of a meeting of the gang arranged in a public house, and stated that Crawford said, "Either Grogan or Thomas are twinking. There ought to be a twist in the tail of one of them." Crawford was sentenced to three years, and Grogan to four years' penal servitude.

Thomas was found not guilty and was discharged.

IN ARREARS.

THREE FAMILIES TO SUPPORT.

At Willesden, on November 30, Ernest Mackay, 40, a homeless musician, was charged with being \$112 in arrears on a child maintenance order.

It was stated that he left prison on the morning of his arrest, having just completed his second sentence for bigamy, and now, with little prospect of work, he was liable for the support of three families. One of the wives described accused as a good man at his trade, but with a falling for women.

Mackay assured the magistrate that if he had a month to pull himself together he would find work and pay off the arrears.

He was remanded on bail for a week to see if he could obtain employment.

DOUBLE MURDER.

ALLEGED GUNMEN CHARGED.

FURTHER EVIDENCE.

Chan Hung, one of the trio of Chinese gunmen arrested by the police in connection with the shooting affray between a quartette of armed desperadoes and a police picket, made another appearance before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon charged with the murder of two Chinese constables during a running pistol fight from Bonham Strand to the heart of the City in the early hours of the morning of December 7 last.

The police picket, it may be recalled, stopped the four gunmen in order to search them. Two of the desperadoes opened fire wounding Sergeant Thomas McMahon, in charge of the picket, and a Chinese detective. Then followed the running fight in which one of the gunmen was shot dead, a second was arrested at a little distance from where the shooting of the police took place, and a third galloped away at the time, but was subsequently arrested by the police a few days after the affray.

Opened Fire.

The fourth man, the accused, was chased right into town before he was eventually brought down at the corner of Ghiu Loong Street and Des Vaux Road Central, near the Connaught Garage. He was then found to be wounded in several places and had to be removed to the hospital.

In the course of the chase of this man it was alleged by the prosecution that he opened fire on two Chinese and one Indian constables, one of the former being an unarmed Yaumati Ferry wharf searcher who was shot through the heart and killed instantly. The other two were severely wounded. Subsequently the Chinese detective who was wounded at the same time as Sergeant McMahon died in hospital, so that the accused is faced with double murder.

Fight Described.

Graphic details of the running fight were given yesterday afternoon by a District Watchman who joined in the chase soon after the police picket had been fired on. This evidence bore out Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith's opening statement of the case for the Crown and the depositions of previous witnesses who were examined during an earlier hearing of the case.

The case was again adjourned.

MALAYAN POLICE.

GOVERNOR AND "CAREER" RESTRICTIONS.

A WEAK SPOT.

When he addressed the members of the Legislative Council a couple of months ago, Sir Hugh Clifford (recalls the "Straits Times") said it would probably be necessary to ask them to consider during the coming year proposals for the better equipment of the Police force of the Colony for the effective discharge of its responsibilities. The shrewdness of His Excellency, observes our contemporary, was quick to discover the weak spot in the Police department of the country. For some years the force in Malaya has been understaffed, especially in the F.M.S., where, however, provision has been recently made for a general increase for the personnel. But it is still difficult to recruit officers of a suitable type and this failure to fill appointments is causing anxiety, both in the Colony and in the neighbouring States.

Referring to the brochure by the Chief Commissioner of Police on "The Malayan Police as a Career," and to the fact that from time to time Inspectors have been promoted to be Assistant Superintendents, and such promotion is still possible, but that no probationer has yet attained to the rank of Deputy Superintendent, the Singapore paper says that the grievance of the Inspectors is undoubtedly real and was brought to the notice of the Government during the sittings of the Public Salaries Commission as long ago as 1919. They are the backbone of the force, yet it is implied in Mr. Hannigan's pamphlet that the service has plums only for officers of gazetted rank. There is little encouragement given to efficient and practical Inspectors to attain the rank of A.S.P. and much of their time and experience is devoted to training young probationers in their duties.

The rank and file of the European contingent have grievances which are as acute to-day as they were years ago and the appearance of this brochure calls attention to them again. When next the Straits Settlements Association wants a subject for discussion, consider our contemporary, the conditions of the Police service in the Colony might be considered.

This is certainly an important matter, and so far as the F.M.S. is concerned, it is certain that in any legitimate aspirations for the improvement of their outlook the non-commissioned officers can count on the sympathy of the Chief Commissioner, Mr. Hannigan, who himself rose from the ranks.

SPY MANIA.

THREE MORE SOVIET DEATH SENTENCES.

15 PERSONS INVOLVED.

Riga, Yesterday. Three out of the 15 tried at Leningrad on espionage charges on behalf of Finland, have been sentenced to death. The others were given varying terms of imprisonment. Two of the former had their sentences commuted to 10 years' imprisonment in accordance with the November amnesty, but the Court appealed and the Soviet Executive did not reprieve the third.—Reuter.

NO HOPE.

GERMAN REPARATION PAYMENTS.

NEVER BE PAID UP.

Bordeaux, Yesterday. A noteworthy utterance was made by the Frenchman, M. Albert Thomas, Director of the International Labour Office, to the effect that no expert considered that the full execution by Germany of reparation payments could ever be realised. "We must sooner heed the warnings of the Agent-General of Reparations Payments."—Reuter.

CANTON OFFICIALS.

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ments. Counsel respectfully and earnestly asked the Magistrate as the Bench to say that the accused were entitled to bail.

Police Opposition.

Mr. Lindsell asked Mr. King if the \$100,000 was attached, and Mr. King replied that it was.

Mr. King, in opposing bail said that Mr. Lo's argument as to the possibility of the accused leaving the Colony was not convincing, as there was really nothing to hold the accused back beyond whatever bail that was fixed. With regard to Mr. Lo's statement that the accused did not dare go to Macao, he (Mr. King) would tell the Court that the original information was against three men. The two accused were arrested between 5 and 7 a.m., and the third man left for Macao at 12 noon on January 5.

Stolen From Canton.

Mr. King proceeded to say that the police had since made inquiries and had the information that over \$100,000 was stolen from Canton and deposited in a certain bank in Hong Kong. Subsequently part of that money was transferred to another bank and one of the accused went to the second bank to arrange the transfer of that money to Shanghai but the bank refused to do it.

Mr. Lo said that the whole point was whether the transfer of the money was intended for the treasury at Shanghai or for the accused's personal private purse. Counsel added that however high bail the Magistrate wished to fix the defence did not mind, but they want to feel that justice had been made to them by allowing them bail.

Million Dollars.

Mr. Lindsell remarked to Mr. King that he did not see why the whole of the \$100,000 should not be paid as bail.

Mr. King said that another consideration against bail was that he had seen an authentic document in Canton speaking of a million dollars being involved, but for what amount the requisition would be he could not say.

Mr. Lo volunteered to supply the information ex parte and not with the accused's instruction that a large part of the money was with the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation securely attached and fixed, and the only thing that he did not know was whether it would eventually be handed over to the regime the defence wanted it to go to.

Could "Hop Off."

Replying to Mr. Lindsell, Mr. King said that he had no reason to doubt Mr. Lo's statement, but he understood that the money was in Canton. The only reason why he said bail should not be granted was because the accused could "hop off."

Mr. Lo emphasised that the reason why he did not insist on bail at the previous hearing was because Mr. King had said then that the question of bail would be considered that morning, and now Mr. King applied for a remand as before.

Mr. Lindsell decided that in view of the difficulty of proving the large sum charge he would grant the accused bail in the sum of \$50,000 each.

The case was adjourned until January 18 at 10 a.m.

PRIME MINISTER.

AN UNCOVETED HONOUR BY ROYAL SOCIETY.

"LOOK OF WONDER."

The Prime Minister, who was recently elected a Fellow of the Royal Society, was on November 30 the principal guest at the anniversary dinner of that body at the Hotel Victoria, London.

In a speech full of humour, Mr. Baldwin confessed to his surprise at his election as a Fellow, and suggested that the explanation for this uncoverted honour might be that he was known to be a politician who had a profound disgust for rhetoric, who never practised it, and who preferred to lower the temperature of political life by very often putting his thoughts into the refrigerator.

Describing the Royal Society as "the scientific conscience of the whole country," the Premier declared that the Government owed a deep debt of gratitude to the Fellows of the society for the work they had so freely and willingly given in the public interest.

Sir Ernest Rutherford presided, and the guests included Lord Hewart (Lord Chief Justice), Mr. Neville Chamberlain (Minister of Health), Viscount D'Abernon, Lord Clinton, Sir Frank Dyson (the Astronomer Royal), Sir John Brunner, Sir Alfred Mond, M.P., and Dean Inge.

The Prime Minister, proposing the toast of the evening, "The Royal Society," referred to his recent election as a Fellow of the society. He said: "I have coveted some honours during my life and received them. I never coveted this honour, because it never seemed one that could possibly fall to my lot. You have had poets as members of the Royal Society in the old days, and you will remember that when the Blessed Damsel leant over the gate of Heaven & was many days before a look of wonder left her face. That look of wonder has not left mine yet. (Laughter.)"

I have looked on the Royal Society with the feeling of awe and wonder which is common to my fellow-countrymen outside your bounds. As a layman, and one profoundly ignorant, I think much of the respect in which you are held comes from the nature of the subjects which you study, and the obscurity of the language in which you write about them. (Laughter.) I remember some years ago talking to Sir Joseph Larmor in his library at St. John's. I am fond of books, and looked over his, and having done so, I said to him, "There is not a single book on all these shelves of which I can understand a single word," and Sir Joseph replied, "Probably not."

I have a still earlier recollection, when I was a small boy, of my father and his brother-in-law, Sir Edward Poynter—neither of them without culture of a certain kind—going with a friend to hear a paper read at the Royal Society. If my memory serves me right, it was read by Lord Rayleigh. The subject of that paper was "Superoscillatory Curves." What I remember about it mainly is that neither my father nor Sir Edward Poynter understood a word from beginning to end, and that no less distinguished a man than Professor Huxley was in the same gallery. At the end he drew on a blackboard in the room a picture of a life-guardman in the shell jacket then fashionable in the Army, bending over and kissing a tiny girl, and underneath he wrote the words, "A superoscillatory curve." (Laughter.)

I do not know why you want a politician in your midst. We live in different worlds. You deal with suns, stars, atoms, and electrons, and I with rates and taxes. (Laughter.) With you space and time are merely appearances, but with me they are grim realities. You are a priesthood and worship truth. I belong to a sect, and— (Laughter.) You employ a hypothesis as far as it will carry you. When it is unserviceable you discard it and find a new one. If we discard our hypotheses we are not said to be pushing forward the bounds of knowledge—we are called rhytms. (Laughter.)

You keep silence until you know the truth. That would impose a great strain on us. (Laughter.) When you have found the truth you try to describe it in a few words. Our constituents grade us according to the number of columns of Hansard we produce, and if we keep silence we render ourselves liable to a vote of censure. (Laughter.) We make perorations, and so do you, and I prefer yours to mine. I think you may have been moved to elect me a member of your society, because you know I am, at any rate, one of those politicians who have a profound disgust for rhetoric, who never practises it and who prefers to lower the temperature of political life by very often putting his thoughts into a refrigerator.

It may be so, and if it is so I am grateful to you. There are some subjects on which perhaps I have a

HAPSBURG HEIR.

"KING OTTO'S 15TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION."

2,000 AT BANQUET.

At Budapest the other day all the Royalist magnates, to the number of two thousand, attended a banquet in celebration of the fifteenth birthday of "King Otto." Among them were leaders of political parties, merchant princes, big-wigs of commerce and industry, and representative men from all parts of Hungary. Among names picked out at random are Apponyi, Odescalchi, Andrássy, Vassics, Saterenyi, Sigray, Esterhazy, Palugyay, Csekonits and Karolyi (the untainted branch). At the climax of the feast Count Zichy raised his glass and drank to King Otto "soon to reign over us." Horthy would like to stop demonstrations of this kind but dare not, for he is nominally Regent for his sovereign lord the King, and he contrives to hang on only by pleading that the overwhelming wishes of the nation are overruled by the interference of the Little Entente and France.

little knowledge. I know something of the nature and the different kinds of gas. (Laughter.) I believe you describe the heat of a gas as chiefly the energy of motion and its particles. It is that which gives a gas its expansive force. If the heat is excessive odd things happen. I understand the true balance depends not only on the question of temperature, but also on the number of particles, which I believe you call density. Temperature and density are things I am brought up against every day of my life. (Loud laughter.) If, any time, I can render your society any service in that direction I will put my knowledge at your disposal. You are better prophets than we are; you prophesy about the comets, the tides, and eclipses. There are prophets among us today who foretell the result of the next General Election, a bolder prophecy than any you indulge in. They also prophesy the direction of the flowing tide, but I have never yet met a politician who will express in public the prophecy of his own eclipse. They know it some times, but they have not that passionate desire to give expression to the truth which you have. (Loud laughter.)

Battleships and Hymns. I feel some comfort in reflecting that ministers and judges with whom I am, perhaps, more akin than the scientists, have been and are now elected Fellows. With many of them, of course, their recreations, as mine are, are not scientific. I was looking only to-day in the last volume of the Dictionary of National Biography, and found to my delight that a most distinguished Civil Servant, who devoted his life to designing battleships, spent his spare time composing hymns for a Baptist chapel—(Laughter)—and I find now that the rector of a country parish was adviser to the War Office on the science of artillery. (Laughter.)

I wish I was comparable to them. My recreation is and will be merely books. There, I rejoice to find that you are producing books at a great rate. I understand you are gradually cataloguing the output of scientific papers throughout the world, and that you have already catalogued some three millions. That makes me wish we could return to the day when books were written by hand. (Laughter.) We cannot put the clock back. We cannot put it back, particularly in science, and Governments have at last, I think, begun to realise what science is doing, and can do, not only for this country, but for the whole world.

In recent years agricultural, medical, and industrial research have been fostered by the Government, and certainly, in the case of most of that research, the Government has looked to you for the help that you can give better than anyone else, and which you have given freely. I think the Government of this country owes a deep debt of gratitude to the Fellows of this society for the lavish and unparagoned work they have so freely and willingly given in the public interest. The Royal Society is really the scientific conscience of the whole country, and it is fitting that they should have the administration of Government grants for the purpose of individual research, and that the touch between the two—the Government and the Royal Society—should be as close as possible.

I am sure you will all agree with me that no Government could be more fortunate than our present one in this, that the Minister responsible to Parliament for the State assistance for science in any form is the Lord President of the Council, Lord Balfour. (Cheers.) He is not only a distinguished and learned member of this and many other societies, but he is at the same time the youngest, and the most unimpaired of the older statesmen of England. (Cheers.)

STAR THEATRE.

GLOBE TROTTERS' REVUE SEASON.

"HAPPY MOMENTS" TO-NIGHT.

To-night at 9.15 Mr. Dick Norton and his Globe Trotters will begin their season at the Star Theatre with their cabaret programme, "Happy Moments." The Globe Trotters are talented vocalists, musicians and dancers. Dick Norton is a host in himself and from recent reports from India, Burma and Malaya should be better than ever in his character roles and songs. Leo Brooker, besides being a comedian is a splendid dancer. Miss Lella Forbes is a clever comedienne and singer—while Miss Daphne de Lisle is a leading dancer of the company. Other members of the company are the Misses Constance Garrett and Marion Hallwood, the former has an exceptionally fine soprano voice while the latter has been an accompanist and entertainer to Dame Clara Butt. "Happy Moments" will be followed by "Scenes and Songs," "Pleasure Land" and "Incidents." Booking is now open at Messrs. Moutrie's and the Star Theatre at the popular prices of \$3, \$2 and \$1.

CINEMA NOTES.

"LA BOHEME" AT QUEEN'S THEATRE.

A CAST OF STARS.

The splendid screen version of the famous romance, "La Boheme" returns to the Queen's Theatre to-day and to-morrow with Lillian Gish and the tragic "Mimi" and John Gilbert playing "Rodolphe," her poet lover. Reproductions of the quaint old streets of the Latin Quarter were constructed with absolute fidelity for this new picture, and a particularly strong cast was assembled for the play. Renee Adoree plays "Musetta," a role famous through the "Musetta Walk," and Roy D'Arcy, the "Crown Prince" of "The Merry Widow," is seen as "Paul," the suave boulevardier. Karl Dane, Edward Everett Horton, Gino Corrado, George Hassell and other well-known artists appear. Dane recently leaped to fame as "Slim" in "The Big Parade," and his transition from a dough boy in the war picture to the kindly French concierge in "La Boheme" is distinctly interesting. Among the other noted players is Agostino Borgato, who plays the French editor. Borgato was for twelve years leading man for Eleanor Duse, the great Italian tragedienne, on the stage. With such a cast "La Boheme" ranks among the biggest pictures and it only requires the special music played by the Queen's Orchestra to make it wholly delightful production.

RONALD COLMAN.

The chief picture at all performances in the World Theatre to-day and to-morrow, "A Thief in Paradise," presents the hero of Beau Geste, Ronald Colman, in one of the roles that helped to make him famous. The story opens in the South Sea Islands, where two American derelicts are seen in almost their last extremity of poverty. One of these, Phillip Jardine, is killed by a shark just as a letter arrives for him from his wealthy father calling him back home. Jardine's widow then induces Maurice Blake, the other derelict, to impersonate the dead man, and the rest of the story has to do with the complications which arise when Blake is received into the Jardine home. There are thrilling and romantic developments, which, of course, and happily, but the suspense is maintained to the end. The picture is noteworthy for remarkably fine settings and powerful acting.

"THE RAINMAKER."

"The Rainmaker" will be the chief film in the movie programme at the Star Theatre to-day and to-morrow. The atmosphere of the race track in which the early part of the action takes place is real, typical and vividly picturesque. Later in the picture, a dance hall scene of other days is reproduced. The realism here is heightened by a fierce hand-to-hand fight in which several hundred men take part. The plot reaches a climax when a whole town is stricken with plague, through lack of water. The jockey known as "The Rainmaker," prays for rain, and his prayer is answered by a spectacular cloudburst. William Collier, Jr., Georgia Hale, and Ernest Torrence are in the principal roles. The picture will be shown from 2.30 to 3.30 only. The Globe Trotters giving their entertaining revue, "Happy Moments," at 9.15.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE MAIL.

To-day—Star Theatre: the Globe Trotters in "Happy Moments."

To-day—Queen's Theatre: "La Boheme."

To-day—World Theatre: "A Thief in Paradise."

To-day—Star Theatre: "The Rainmaker."

January 11—Star Theatre: The Globe Trotters in "Happy Moments."

January 12—Helena May Intimate Concert, 5.30 p.m.

January 12-13—Star Theatre, The Globe Trotters in "Scenes and Songs."

January 12-14—Queen's Theatre: "The First Brigade."

January 12-14—World Theatre: "The Taxi Dancer."

January 12-14—Star Theatre: "Satan in Sabies."

January 14-15—Star Theatre, The Globe Trotters in "Pleasure Land."

January 16-17—Star Theatre, The Globe Trotters in "Incidents."

Sports.

To-day—Football: R.A.M.C. v. R.E. & R. Sigs. Sookumpoo, 4.15 p.m.

January 12—Football: 12th H. Bty. R.A. v. 31st H. Bty. R.A., Sookumpoo, 4.15 p.m.

January 13—Annual Billiard Championship of St. Peter's Y.M. Club.

January 14—Entries close for forthcoming Annual Race Meeting, 3 p.m.

January 21—China New Year meeting (Fanning Hunt), Kwantai Race Course.

January 28—American lawn tennis tourney (mixed doubles) for members of the Ladies' Recreation Club at L.R.C.

Meetings.

January 13—Annual meeting of St. David's Society, Prince's Building, 6.30 p.m.

January 16—General meeting of shareholders, Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., Exchange Bldg., noon.

January 27—Annual meeting of St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club, 8.30 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

To-day—St. Peter's C. Y. M. Club dance in Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 8.45 p.m.

January 12—Institution of Rev. A. Swann as Dean of St. John's Cathedral and Archdeacon of Hong Kong and the Rev. Mok Shau-tang, as Archdeacon of Canton, at Evening service in St. John's Cathedral, 5.30 p.m.

January 12—Reception of welcome to the Rev. and Mrs. A. Swann, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 4.45 p.m.

January 13—H.E. The Governor distributes prizes at Queen's College.

January 14—Distribution of prizes at Ellis Kadoorie School, by the Hon. Sir Sheu-sen Chow, 10.30 a.m.

January 15—Opening of the Hotel Riviera, Macao, with special dinner; and dancing from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.

January 16—Debate in St. Peter's Y.M. Club House, 8.30 p.m.

January 22—Opening date of Photographic & Art Exhibition at Macao.

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A CRYSTAL VASE.

Unsettled property of the gross value of £44,335 was left by the Marquis of Cambridge, the Queen's brother, who died on Oct. 24. Probate of the will dated Nov. 9, 1911, has been granted to the widow, power being reserved to grant probate also to the Marquis's brother, the Earl of Athlone.

As a token of affection the Marquis left to the Queen the crystal vase presented to him and his wife on their marriage by Sir Frederick Wigan. To the Earl of Athlone he left portraits of Adolphus Duke of Cambridge and Augusta Duchess of Cambridge. The Marquis made bequests of numerous articles, some to devolve in the family of his eldest son and others in the family of his second son, and he left his household and personal effects not otherwise bequeathed, his horses, carriages, motors, consumable stores, &c., to his wife absolutely. Among the various articles specified in the will are:

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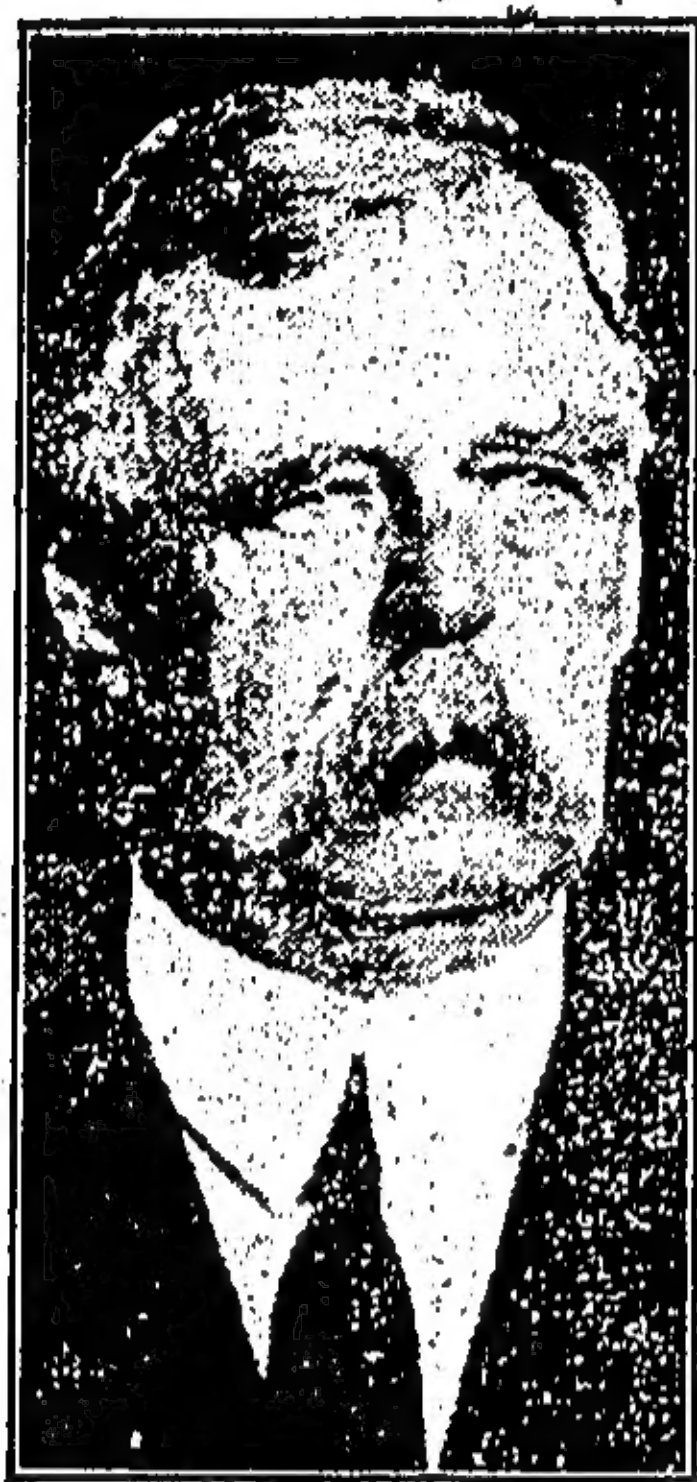
Mr. K. S. Nair, Municipal Veterinary Surgeon, is given the powers and duties of Government Veterinary Surgeon in Singapore.

Mr. T. W. Stubbs is appointed to be a member of the Board of Visitors to the Singapore Reformatory in the place of Mr. E. Gately.

"I am a good husband," said a man at Croydon County Police Court. "I can cultivate the garden, do snobbing (boot-repairing), make clothes, and cut hair."

Under instructions from the Imperial Government the Governor has been pleased to recognise Mr. Robert M. J. Fellner as United States Vice-Consul at Singapore.

The marriage of Mr. Arthur James Simon, assistant Pastor of the Methodist Tamil Church, Ipoh, and Miss Rajammal Gnanapragasam, is to take place at Wesley Church, Klang.



Admiral Charles F. Hughes, until recently Commander-in-Chief of the fleet, who on November 14 relieved Admiral E. W. Eberle as Chief of Naval Operations, the ranking position in the sea service of the country.

Mr. G. L. Ham M.C.S., Mr. H. H. Abdool Cader, Dr. Koh Lip Teng and Mr. J. M. Milne have been re-appointed Municipal Commissioners for Penang. Mr. Tan Soo Hock and Dr. Tan Seng Tee are reappointed Municipal Commissioners for Malacca.

The Hon. Mrs. Owen, widow of the Rev. Thomas Mainwaring Bulkeley Owen, of Tedmore Hall, Shropshire, who died aged 82, was well known in National Elsteddof circles, and was the oldest member of the Gorsedd. She was a daughter of the first Lord Harlech.

Two occupants of a motor-car, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Wood, of Beaumont-terrace, Gosforth, Newcastle, met their deaths near Morpeth (Northumberland). The car crashed into the parapet of Harburn Bridge and went over into the burn. Both were drowned, being imprisoned in the overturned car.

Mr. D. Hillary, who has been promoted to the rank of Assistant Commissioner of Police, is expected to return to the Straits from leave. It is understood that he will be posted to Sungai Patani to relieve Mr. E. Cheers, A.C.P. Central Kedah, who is going on leave.

A lighthouse system whereby flashes are determined by automatic mechanism has been installed at the lighthouses at Burnham-on-Sen. The high lighthouse, which stands among the houses of the town, will give a flash of two and a half seconds, and the low lighthouse on the beach will emit one of one and a half seconds.

The Postmaster-General will take power next session to acquire for the purpose of the Post Office, by compulsory purchase or otherwise, sites in various parts of the country, including Manchester, Reading, Warrington, Ashton-under-Lyne, Worthing, Benton (Lanes), and Uxbridge for extension of post offices and telephone exchanges.

A few months ago the Lord Mayor of Cardiff (Alderman A. J. Howell) was seriously ill. He will shortly resume work. His convalescence dated from the moment he received from certain colleagues a message of sympathy and good wishes for speedy recovery. The first four signatories were a doctor, a solicitor, an undertaker, and a monumental mason.

Under the auspices of Che Aminah (wife of Che Daud, A.D.O., Pokan), Mrs. K. A. Maughan, Miss J. Israel and Shi Zahara (wife of Syed Abdul Rahman, S.A.A., Pokan), leading Malay and other ladies, among whom were Mrs. H. J. Cockman, and Miss G. O'Rafferty, assembled at the Maternity Hospital, Pokan, at a farewell function given in honour of Dr. C. B. Kibble, the popular Lady Medical Officer, on the eve of her transfer to Kuala Lumpur.

The Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow is to distribute the prizes at the Ellis Kadoorie School at 10.30 a.m. next Saturday.

Mr. W. W. Rae, of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank at Malacca, is shortly leaving for Kobe on transfer.

St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club are holding a dance at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant this evening, beginning at 8.45.

Dr. B. H. Mellon, Port Health Officer leaves by the "Pres. Jefferson" to-morrow, to undergo a serious operation in America. He hopes to return to the Colony later.

Acting on information received, the Police made a seizure of 14,160 rounds of ammunition near the Naval Torpedo Basin at Laichikok on Sunday night. One arrest was made.

Messrs. Jebson and Co. present an attractive calendar issued by the Hamburg-America Line giving around the border the flags of all countries at the ports of which the Company's vessels call.

Admiral Andrew Kennedy Bickford, C.M.G., R.N., of Hove, A.D.C. to Queen Victoria, 1896-1899, who died on Oct. 9, aged 83, left property of the gross value of £4,301, with net personality £4,234.

The necessary work of clearing the block on the road between Tsun Wan and Castle Peak, caused by the landslide of Sunday has been started, and before long the road will be available for motorists.

The marriage arranged between Capt. Philip Jermy Gwyn and Miss Elisabeth Tilley, elder daughter of the Rt. Hon. Sir John Tilley, G.C.G., and Lady Tilley, was to take place at Tokyo on January 7.

Mr. Chu Chao Hsin, formerly Chinese Minister in London and delegate to the League of Nations, has, it is stated in London diplomatic quarters, been appointed Commissioner for Foreign Affairs in Canton.

Lady Heath, the air pilot, has sailed for South Africa for a holiday, and has taken a two-seater light aeroplane packed up on the steamer in which she is travelling. She intends to use her machine for making flying visits in South Africa.

The Hotel Riviera, Macao, opens on Sunday, January 15, when there will be a special dinner-dance in the evening. Tables may be booked at the Hong Kong Hotel. The s.s. "Sui An" leaves here at 9 a.m. and leaves Macao at 5 p.m. on the day in question.

Mr. Kenneth Axford Toft, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. A. Toft, of Seremban, who was formerly on the staff of the Anglo-Chinese School, Seremban, recently sat for his B.A. examination at the Hong Kong University. He is expected back in Malaya shortly, and on his return will join the Government English School, Seremban.

C. V. Lingham, a clerk in the Survey Department, Kuala Lumpur, who was arrested some time ago in Ipoh in connection with a charge of forgery and criminal misappropriation, was charged in the Kuala Lumpur Police Court, with forging the name of "B. Solomon" on a cheque for \$71.40 issued by the Survey Department on Oct. 29, and criminally misappropriating the money, which was delivered to him. He reserved his defence and was committed for trial at the next Assizes.

A visitor, writing of Kuala Lumpur, states: "I have admired the fine buildings and many bridges of your metropolis, but in the shop houses hidden away from the public there appears to be an extraordinary number of rats and mice. These rodents are a potential means of spreading plague and, as cases of this pestilence occur from time to time in Malaya, it seems highly desirable that steps should be taken for the wholesale destruction of rats, instead of waiting till plague is rampant."—M.M.

Two stone diggers on Hosey Common, Westerham, a few weeks ago turned up an ancient flint receptacle containing fourteen gold Celtic coins. These coins, together with the flint vessel, have now found a permanent home in the British Museum, and in pursuance of the Treasury's policy of encouraging prompt and full disclosure of similar finds, a cheque has been sent to Mr. R. S. Bateman and his son, Oliver, for a sum representing the total value of the find, less 20 per cent. Treasury expenses.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon the inquiry held by Mr. Roger Edward Lindell and a Coroner's jury into the circumstances attending the death of a small Chinese girl who was killed as the result of a motor accident on the Praya East Reclamation near the Bowington Canal Bridge on December 27 last, was concluded. The jury, which was composed of Messrs. E. W. Blackmore (foreman), Leung Sik-ai and Harry Way returned a verdict of "death by misadventure," and added the rider that no blame could be attached to the driver of motor car No. 216 which was concerned in the accident.

Mr. C. R. Bicknell from Singapore has assumed the management of the Alor Star Branch of Messrs. Huttenbach, Lazarus and Sons, Ltd.

The National Physical Laboratory, Teddington, was broken into and £60 was taken from a safe. The theft was discovered by the night watchman.

A live homing pigeon was presented as a souvenir to each of the 150 guests at the annual gathering of the Noel Park Homing Society, Wood Green.

Earl Bently has received a cheque for fifty dollars from Miss Mary Pickford and Mr. Douglas Fairbanks for the rebuilding fund of the Dockland Settlement.

The marriage arranged between Mr. George Shelton Agar, of Seventh Mile estate, Kuala Lumpur, and Miss Phyllis Lloyd Whitworth, was to take place at Holy Trinity Church, Nuwara Eliya, Ceylon, on January 8.



W. T. Frances, American Minister to Liberia. He recently called at the White House to pay his respects to President Coolidge before sailing to take up his new post.

It is computed that 52,000 summonses and over 3,000 warrants have been dealt with by Warrant Officer Wm. Pullen, who retired after twenty-five years' service in the Metropolitan Police Force, the last ten years of which have been spent at the Marylebone Police Court.

Captain Biltcliffe, the Hertfordshire County Secretary of the British Legion, has resigned the post of hon. secretary of the Welwyn Garden City branch of the British Legion, as a protest against the growing practice of wearing dress clothes at functions of the local branch.

The marriage arranged between John Baring Burnard, of Devon Estates, Malacca, and Diana Awdrye Drury, of White House, Jersey, will take place in the early spring. Mr. and Mrs. Drury and Miss Drury will leave early in February by the P. and O. "Mongolia" for Penang for the wedding.

Unable in the fog to find Henlow (Beds) Aerodrome, to which he is attached, Ely's Officer J. W. Colquhoun, pilot-in-command of a Bristol aeroplane, made a forced landing in a field of brussels sprouts at Holme Mills, Biggleswade, four miles from the aerodrome. The machine was slightly damaged, but the pilot was unhurt.

A Birmingham Corporation motor bus laden with passengers crashed into a toyshop window which had just been dressed with Christmas goods. A window-cleaner had a narrow escape, and though the damage to the shop and the bus was severe, only one person, a female passenger, complained of injuries.

In explanation of a valuable sporting dog being abroad at night contrary to county by-laws it was stated at New Forest Police Court that the dog mistook a discharge of fireworks for guns and ran to join a shooting party. The magistrates held that ignorance of the law by man or dog was no excuse, and fined the owner.

The next meeting of the L.C.C. will discuss a motion by Sir Percy Simmons suggesting that a special committee be appointed to consider and report as to the procedure for the consideration and decision of applications for licences for stage plays, music, dancing, and cinematograph exhibitions, and as to the desirability of making improvements in the same.

America was too cold, and if they went there they would die and never see India again, was the excuse of sixteen Lascars who appeared at the Glasgow Police Court. They had signed on to work on board the British steamship "Suveric," but when they learned it was going to Norfolk, America, they refused to proceed. They told the justices they would rather go to jail than go to America. They were sent to prison for four weeks.

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SPORTS

SATURDAY'S SOCCER.

Close Results in the Senior League.

BRIGHT JUNIOR FOOTBALL.

Two Final Interplay Trials.

[By Rover.] A full programme of League matches was carried out on Saturday, and cold weather prevailing, all the games were productive of good football, the only drawback being a rather high wind which on some of the grounds interfered with accurate movements.

The game of the day was at King's Park where the Police showed they are not a back number by making a very creditable struggle against the Athletic. Starting without Oram and Jessop, two of the halves, robbed the Police of their chance, as Hudson, who would have played centre forward, had to revert to his old position at centre half, where he played a great game; but he was very much wanted forward, where his inclusion would have made all the difference. It was Chan and Suen on the left wing who bent the Police, despite a great game a back by Paddy Wynne. The clever Chinese played for their side with an understanding that was most difficult to upset. Suen was outstanding on Saturday and made ground whenever the ball came to him and at present the most effective inside forward playing in Hong Kong football.

The Athletic on Saturday were not so impressive as in recent matches as the right wing was only ordinary, and if Sherry, who played a fine game for the Police, had converted the penalty awarded early in the game, the Police might easily have created a surprise.

The Police will command respect in future matches with a full side and with Oram back at centre half and Hudson shaking the forwards up, will get goals.

There was not much to comment on in the other Senior games. Recreio are again getting into their stride and will be all out for the Shield, whilst the R.A. did well to beat them on Saturday, in a game where the Military side appeared more at home in the Chatham Road ground than their opponents, who are more accustomed to the King's Park ground which is far superior to the Military ground and more helpful to combined movements.

Kowloon, with McKelvie back, progressed, and only in the matter of goals were they inferior to the Borderers and the improvement of the Peninsular side is likely to be continued, especially if Northey can get fit and supply that little extra dash which the Kowloon forwards require.

The Guards won as expected but there was not a lot in it, and I think the Guards are more happy at Sookumpoo or on the Club ground where there is more freedom of movement. Anyhow the Guards are not losing many points these days and appear to be gathering strength for a strong finish.

The Club, assisted by Willie Gerrard, did not give much away to the Queen's and improved on former displays against the Regimental side. Howard's loss to the Club is a bit of bad luck as with this player back the Club would still be a force to be reckoned with and their display on Saturday was promising.

Amongst the Juniors the Borderers Reserves won as expected but had to go all the way, the Regimental understanding and combination just weighing in, but the three goal victory slightly flattered them all the same.

The meeting of Recreio Reserves and Chinese Athletic Reserves produced a fine game with the Athletic just that little bit superior which made all the difference. The athletic fielded three players, left back, right half and inside forward, who were regular players in the first team last year so that the King's Park juniors did well, and Recreio and the Athletic both possess capable reserves. Fernandez in goal for Recreio is a capable player as also is Silva-Netto at back and with a little more confidence several of the Recreio Reserves will develop into good players. The Athletic outside left, in addition to the players mentioned, played very well and is a smart winger although on the small side.

Kowloon Reserves fielded a strong side at Chatham Road and won well, being worth more than one goal over their opponents, while the B. Division team gained a surprising victory by 4 goals to nil which is a good sign that the Peninsula Club is healthy on recruits, Muir, Guest, Bliss, Wood, Coates and Eastman all being likely aspirants to the Senior XI.

The Hong Kong Interplay XI will, it is hoped turn out at full strength against the Navy on Wednesday as the Navy are worthy opponents and this match and the one on Saturday against a strong team will be the only opportunities we shall have to see our selected side full out. Both the

GOLF.

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP OF LOS ANGELES.

MACDONALD SMITH WINS.

Los Angeles, Yesterday. In the Los Angeles Open Golf Championship over 72 holes, MacDonald Smith (Great Neck, New York) scored 284, winning \$3,500; Harry Cooper (California) 287; Abe Espinosa (Chicago) 290; Bill Melhorn (New York), Tommy Armour (Rockville) and Alwatrous (Grand Rapids) all tied for fourth place with 292.—Reuter's American Service.

Miami Open Title.

Miami (Florida), Yesterday. Having won the Miami Beach open golf championship last week Gene Sarazen with 289 yesterday captured the Miami open title. Jock Hutchison scored 290 and Joe Kirkwood and Willie Klein tied for third place with 292.—Reuter's American Service.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIERS.

The results of the qualifying competition at Fanling on Sunday were:—

H. G. Hegarty	89
S. T. Butlin	89
D. G. Bruce	89
C. L. Sanders	90
A. K. Henderson	92
B. D. Evans	92
D. J. Gilmore	92
D. Forbes	93
E. Grimble	93
A. D. Humphreys	93
Major Lynch	93
J. H. Little	94
F. Cowherd	94
T. C. Monaghan	94
The above qualify.	
N. K. Littlejohn	95
H. Spicer	95
A. Leach	95
H. A. Lammer	95
J. Smith	96
A. O. Brown	96
E. C. Frederick	97
M. H. Roffey	98
T. Low	98
F. Taylor	98
J. W. Davidson	98
J. W. Alabaster	99
K. Ewart	99
C. B. Robertson	99
68 entries.	

*Will play off for last two places on Sunday, January 15.

CAPTAIN'S CUP.

Played at Fanling on Saturday and Sunday.

qualifies.		
Other scores:—		
E. D. Matthews	86—9=	77
K. S. Robertson	87—9=	78
A. G. Lissman	86—8=	78
D. E. Bruce	89—10=	79
T. D. E. Pendered	82—3=	79
C. C. Stark	84—4=	80
H. A. Lammert	95—15=	80
D. J. Gilmore	92—12=	80
There were 32 entries.		

F. BALL'S APPOINTMENT.

Atlanta (Georgia).—Frank Ball, formerly of the Langley Park Club, Kent, has been appointed professional to the Eastlake Country Club here, in succession to Stewart Maiden. Ball finished third in the British Open Championship at Hoylake three years ago. He has been resident in America for two years.

Navy and the Rest XI are capable of putting up a good show; but the Interplay XI, if they combine and play up to their Club reputations, should win each match with a bit to spare. If they don't it does not necessarily follow that they are a weak side, as I still think the Interplay XI is really the best team which could be picked; but they must be given an opportunity, especially forward, to get familiar with one another, and these two hard games should provide that opportunity and it them for the strenuous work at Shanghai. We expect to win both matches and to play up to their Club reputations, but to play for the side all the time.

A "SHIELD" MATCH.

P.W.D. To Play Sanitary Dept.

Teams selected from the Public Works and Sanitary Departments will be in opposition on the Hong Kong Football Club's ground at Happy Valley on Thursday next, the 12th instant, kick off at 4.30 p.m.

The match is to decide who shall hold the "Shield" which was won by the P.W.D. when the Department's last met on the football field 18 months ago.

The P.W.D. team will probably be:—

Beech, Lawrence, Guest, Hill, Wells, McBride, Paterson, Bishop, Logan, Robertson and Spary.

WORLD CHESS.

NEW CHAMPION AND THE OLD.

PRISON STUDIES.

After one of the most prolonged matches in the history of chess, Alexander Alekhine has succeeded in wresting the championship of the world from Senor Capablanca. The match had been in progress at Buenos Aires since September 15. When it opened, Capablanca was expected to have no great difficulty in defeating his challenger, Alekhine, though he had shown himself to be the leading player of Europe, was not believed to have advanced to the standard of the Cuban master, who, at the age of 33, succeeded the redoubtable Lasker as world's champion.

In the early games it became apparent that the champion's powers would be extended to their utmost, and Alekhine soon falsified predictions by establishing a lead. The play was worthy of the championship, and several games will live in chess history. Both the contestants gave evidence of their ability to turn adverse positions into a draw, if not into victory. Several times the onlookers had predicted success for one or other player at the adjustment, but the following day the inevitable draw would be agreed to.

The series had gone to the thirty-fourth game before Alekhine gained the sixth win, which entitled him to victory and the championship. Capablanca had three wins to his credit. Twenty-five games had been drawn. The proportion of draws to decisive results—the ratio is nearly four to one—has prompted criticism of the players for safety tactics, but this is in accordance with the tendency of modern chess, a tendency to which Capablanca has contributed.

Wealthy Family.

The new champion, now 36 years old, was a member of a wealthy Russian family of very good position. He attended as a competitor in a tournament outside his own country for the first time at Mannheim in 1914. All the competitors in that tournament were there by invitation of the German Chess Federation, but this, however, did not prevent the German authorities from sending their own guests into internment. Alekhine turned his confinement to advantage, employing the hours of inaction by making a further study of the game.

His is a restless disposition, and he finally struck out for freedom. He succeeded in reaching Switzerland, and from there travelled to London by a roundabout way. In the game his progress has been very rapid. He brought to the board not only analytical knowledge gained during his enforced stay in Germany, but also a passionate determination to succeed, backed by a strong character and a sympathetic personality. He played with energy unusual in chess masters as a rule. The ambition to gain the highest position in chess was coupled with the resolve, backed by study, to qualify himself for a legal career in France.

The Boy Genius.

On account of his successes as a comparative youth, Capablanca has been better known to the public, perhaps than any player of recent times. To find a parallel of his case one would have to go back to the great Morphy. When only 20 Capablanca had already a remarkable list of achievements. At 16 he defeated the Cuban champion, and he established a world fame by emerging a winner of the tournament at San Sebastian, in 1911, in which he had to meet such famous masters as Tarrasch, Janowsky, Marshall, and Rubinstein. He first challenged Dr. Lasker in 1911, but it was not until ten years later that Lasker resigned the world's title to him. When he resigned the score stood five love against Lasker. Capablanca was then at the height of his powers, and it is suggested that since then his play has deteriorated somewhat. In the 1924 tournament in London he was defeated by Reti, the first important match in which he had failed for nearly ten years, and again he lost at Moscow, in 1925, succumbing to Iljin Zeversky.

YACHTING.

LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP RACE.

Yesterday the 5th Championship race for the Ladies was sailed from the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club. The course was (1) Lyemun Beacon (P.), Cust Rock Buoy (P.), Distance: 5.6 miles.

The results are given below, but those applying to the Handicap class are subject to adjustment:—

The Results.

The results were as under:—
Handicap Class: Start at 3 p.m.
Finishing Corrected Time.

Diana	4.31.55	4.30.69
Colleen	4.44.41	4.39.31
Rolla	4.44.01	4.34.01
Dorothea	4.32.05	4.26.29

"T" and "Y" Chases: Start at 3.05 p.m.

	Time.	Time.
Alisa (1)	4.40.32	4.40.32
Hakyon (7) ..	5.01.07	5.01.07
Thecla (2) ...	4.54.36	4.47.36
Wings (9) ...	4.57.00	4.55.08
Bluenose (4) .	4.51.04	4.49.55
Boojum (5) ..	4.54.04	4.52.12
Adele (3) ...	4.50.28	4.48.36

KWANTI CHASE.

ENTRIES FOR JANUARY 21 MEETING.

FIVE EVENTS.

The following are the entries for the Kwanti Steeplechase meeting on Saturday, January 21:—
January Maiden Plate: One Mile. Mr. F. A. Pollock, Alhambra and Bill Brewer; Col. L. I. Conyn, Borderer, Dumbell, and Durham; Mr. N. Hashim, Chick To and Sunning; Mr. C. W. P. Richardson, Cumberland; Mr. L. D. A. McLaren; Locharn; Messrs. Usher and Reidy, Macao Beauty; Mr. Hee Cheong, Man of War, Waichow and Iron General; Mr. J. J. Paterson, Min River; Mr. C. E. Backhouse, Nimrod (late Wild Hawk); Mr. E. S. J. Barne, Peking; Mr. W. T. Stanton, Red Leaves; Mr. M. D. Erskine, Rupert; Messrs. Stanton and Reidy, San Diego; Mr. R. J. Paterson, Scooter and Wouwer; Mr. A. Crabbe, Seal Taz; Messrs. A. U. H. Hackett Pain and G. M. Elmas Morgan, Senatorship; Mr. A. A. Miller, Tarzai; Mr. L. G. Durlacher, Yellow Shadow; Capt. G. A. R. Abbott, Kandoo.

Kwanti New Year Handicap: 1 1/4 Miles.

Mr. J. G. Shillington, Ace of Spades; Mr. F. A. Pollock, Alhambra and Bill Brewer; Mr. M. M. Watson, Blotting Paper; Mr. M. M. Maas, Caviare and More Better; Mr. J. S. Elliott, Chitra; Mr. A. H. Potts, Craigavad; Mr. J. J. Paterson, Deer Hound and Min River; Mr. C. J. Skrine, Honeymoon; Mrs. R. J. Paterson, Humdinger and Wouwer; Capt. G. A. R. Abbott, Kandoo; Messrs. Dyer and Beith, Loch Rannoch; Messrs. Usher and Reidy, Macao Beauty; Mr. Hee Cheong, Man of War and Wai Chow; Mr. L. Reidy, Moughi; Mr. C. E. Backhouse, Nimrod; Mr. W. T. Stanton, Race Horse and Red Leaves; Mr. A. Crabbe, Seal Taz; Capt. F. Hayley Bell, Shady Joe; Mr. C. W. P. Richardson, Silver Foz (late Sagamore); Mr. N. Hashim, Sunning; Messrs. A. V. H. Hackett Pain and G. M. Elmas Morgan, Veevuis; Mr. L. G. Durlacher, Yellow Shadow; Mr. H. C. Macnamara, James Pigg; Mr. C. W. Sewell, Circe.

Fanling Cup: 1 1/4 Miles.

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CRICKET.

THE M.C.C. TOUR IN AFRICA.

WYATT'S CENTURY.

Port Elizabeth, Yesterday. The M.C.C. won by ten wickets in a match against the Eastern Province, who scored 186. Staples took seven wickets for 38 runs. In their second innings the Eastern Province scored 98.

The M.C.C. scored 49, Ochs taking five wickets for 32 runs. In their second innings the M.C.C. scored 187 without the loss of a wicket. Sutcliffe scored 79. Wyatt 101.—Reuter.

TOC H.

INTEREST OF PRINCE OF WALES.

HOPEFUL FRUITS.

For one reason or another the Lamp of Toc H, that splendid league of youth which is one of the fairest and most hopeful fruits which have sprung from the havoc and desolation of the Great War, does not burn as brightly in Malaya (says the "Straits Times") as in some of those other distant lands which offer careers to the younger generation from Home.

Perhaps the comparative slowness of Toc H—which is now flourishing in India like a green bay tree—to take root here is in part due to the unfortunate combination of circumstances which two years ago compelled those two gallant Padre Adventurers, "Tubby" Clayton and "Pat" Leonard, to curtail their stay in Malaya. Perhaps it is because we are unduly conservative and slow-moving in this part of the world. Or perhaps it is because of a certain materialism and lack of imagination on the part of an older generation, which allowed itself to be singularly little affected by the searing experiences of the rest of the world in the Great War, and which has therefore failed to help by precept and practical financial assistance those of our younger men who ought to be pioneers in the Toc H movement in British Malaya.

However, that may be, there can be no doubt that Toc H is going to live and prosper and that it shows each year a marked advance forward at Home and in other parts of the Empire.

The Home newspaper just to hand contains long accounts of the twelfth birthday festival of this society of service and sacrifice, which had its origin in Talbot House at Poperinghe, that haven of rest in the Ypres salient where men once found brief shelter from the storms and tumults of war. In accordance with custom the Festival was presided over by the patron of the order, the Prince of Wales, who lit Lamps of Remembrance for 32 new branches of Toc H and who appealed to the Empire for an endowment fund of £250,000 with which to extend and consolidate its work of social service. That sum, said the Prince, would secure Toc H as a living memorial for all time and he appealed to all well-wishers of a society which has as its motto, "Service is the rent we pay for our room on earth," so to work and so to give as to secure this great sum before the next Birthday Festival.

Toc H, he said, was a power for good, for it taught thousands to do good with their own lives. It had a light which must not be allowed to burn low and it had depth which must not be permitted to become shallow.

Toc H had its genesis as a society for the remembrance of the companionships of the Great War. Its simple but deeply impressive ritual refers to the Elder Brethren who perished in that War, those of whom the poet wrote, "Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn." It exists to-day to teach to a generation, which has been happy enough to be spared the sorrows and trials of that time of testing, the spirit of service and sacrifice and fellowship. Over the original shell-battered Talbot House at Poperinghe was inscribed the legend, "All rank abandon, Ye who enter here" and one of the most prominent and promising aspects of the work of Toc H at Home lies in the direction of breaking down class barriers. It shows what has been described as the sheep-dog spirit to those who need shepherd and it is always anxious to help lame dogs over stiles. But more important even than the work it does for others is the work it does for its members in finding for them useful avenues of service, whether with boys' clubs or with hospitals, with juvenile offenders or with soldiers, and in imposing upon them all the duty of devoting some of their leisure time to some "job" which will serve and profit the community. Its members are thus taught that they are under an obligation to their fellows and they are given opportunities of discharging their debt.

WHITE SLAVE.

BRITAIN'S CLEAN RECORD MENTIONED.

REPORT NOT SUPPRESSED.

In the House of Commons on November 30 Colonel Day (Lab. Soc., Southwark, C.) asked the Secretary for Foreign Affairs whether he could now state when the second section of the League of Nations Report on the traffic in women and children would be published.

Sir A. Chamberlain: Unless the Council of the League decides otherwise, Part II. of the Report will be published immediately after the meeting of the Council at Geneva which takes place next month.

Colonel Day: Why has it been suppressed so long? Sir A. Chamberlain: I take exception to the word "suppressed." The second part deals with inquiries held in various countries, and it was thought a matter of ordinary courtesy to the Governments of these countries to give them an opportunity of making any observations they desired before publication. I did myself, as Rapporteur, propose an earlier date, but it was pointed out by the representative of a State not immediately concerned that some of the Powers who were concerned would not have time to reply, and the present arrangement was fixed.

Lieut.-Commander Kenworthy (Lab. Soc., Hull Cent.): Is it a fact that we have a perfectly clean record in this matter? Sir A. Chamberlain: I do not think there is anything in Part I, which has already been published, or in Part II, which reflects upon the conduct of the administration in this country.

BARGE YARD.

NAME PUZZLES MANY LONDON FOLK.

Barge Yard, out of Bucklebury, where Cheapside and Poultry meet, bears a name that has puzzled many City people, being so far away from water.

Long ago, before the numbering of buildings had been thought of, and by these they were known, so far back as 1414 a big residence standing here was distinguished as "Le Barge," and thereby the name originated.

John Stow, the Elizabethan chronicler, knew the sign, and would have us believe that once a waterway came so far into the City, "It hath been a common speech," he says, "that when Walbrook did lie open, barges were rowed out of the Thames, or towed up so far, and therefore the place hath ever since been called the Old Barge."

But Walbrook was never navigable in historical times. The stream ran fast and shallow down the sloping Thames bank.

WATER SUPPLY.

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on January 1, 1928:—
CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1926	1927
Tytam	1926	1927
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Total 1,638.91 1,448.25

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of December.

	1926	1927
Consumption	244.29	271.68
Estimated population 407,620	217.940	
Consumption per head	19.3	20.9

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RADIO TOPICS

LIVING PICTURES.

WONDERS CLAIMED FOR NEW INVENTION.

A wonderful new device to be used in conjunction with wireless broadcasting has recently been patented by two young British inventors.

It is called "Telemotion," and if the claims for this special mechanism are substantial it will be possible for a wireless listener, sitting at home, to see, pictured before him, the incidents of a horse race or even of a football match.

Negotiations have been entered into by the sponsors of the device for trials to be made not in England, but in France and the United States.

"Telemotion" is an elaboration of electrical timing of any movement. The invention will record, for example, the running of greyhounds on a race-track. As the dogs race round the course their progress will be "written" by wireless signals, which can be broadcast, so that any person having the necessary apparatus at home can see the reproduction of those signals on a miniature track or on a screen, and so watch the actual race run before him.

Horse Racing.

It is the same with horse racing, or with any sporting event in which the movement of the figures is "organised," as it were, and proceeds on defined lines.

"We can transmit practically any moving objects," said Dr. J. H. T. Roberts, one of the inventors. "The reproducing arrangement may be connected to a cinema projector, and a race of other sporting event (for instance, the Boat-race) shown on the screen to the audience as the event is actually taking place."

"One important point about this new invention is that it depends entirely on established electro-magnetic principles. 'Telemotion' does not in any way employ photo-electric cells on the phenomenon of persistence of vision, which have hitherto proved such enormous difficulties in the development of television."

The invention has also a number of other commercial possibilities.

RADIO.

AMATEUR SOCIETY'S INTENTIONS.

The success with which wireless amateurs are picking up short-wave transmissions from all parts of the world is in a way responsible for the fading out of the Singapore Amateur Wireless Society's long wave concert transmissions. According to Mr. Sutherland, President of the Society, the set which is now used by the Society cannot be adapted for shortwave work. Furthermore, the set will only be available for a few more months. At the time the Society was formed, short-wave transmitting was very much in its infancy. Nobody locally knew anything about it. There was not a single short-wave receiver in the Colony. The Society had an idea of what was going on in England when they asked for a broadcasting licence and consequently they asked for a short-wave band to be allotted to them. Everybody was keen on broadcasting and the idea was to carry on with amateur broadcasting and develop the short-wave as a side line. Before the matter was put before Government, assurance was given by the O. C. of the Naval Station that there would be no objection from them provided the society kept to 300 odd metres and did not ask for a short-wave band.

Amateurs Want Short-Wave Work. The opinion of most of the amateur wireless enthusiasts now is that the utility of the Society's service has passed. People who are interested in short-wave work are not going to do very much in the way of buying expensive sets to listen in to Singapore only.

Some time ago it was thought that the Society was going to be a technical society. There were, we understand, two or three lectures and some people went to a great deal of trouble to demonstrate experiments, but the attendance fell off and the conclusion was reached that the members only wanted amateur broadcasting. There appear to be many difficulties in the way of picking up short-wave transmissions—say 5 S.W.—on sufficient strength to relay it. Would people buy expensive apparatus to listen to the local relay? The ordinary amateur with his two valve set would not be able to do it. One local amateur, however, claims to have worked out a circuit of his own which picks up short-wave transmissions on two valves even without an aerial and earth; on sufficient strength to permit the use of a loud speaker.

Society Cannot Build a Set. One of the reasons, it is said, as to why the Singapore Amateur Wireless Society never developed into an experimental society, was because the Society could not get permission from Marconi to build a transmitter of their own. If they wanted a set they had to purchase one from Marconi. However, this might be, one member has built a transmitter, infringing Marconi's patents and got away with it. This disclosure was made at the Extraordinary general meeting of the Society. Mr. Sutherland, in relating this, said that by all Marconi's rights with Christian fortitude. It was promptly suggested that this "Christian fortitude" be forgotten. As one member put it, "Shut your eyes and forget the trade side of it altogether."

Wanted: A New Room.

Whatever may be said with regard to the amateur's indifference towards the society, it is difficult to conceive of this attitude being so widespread as to cause no tinge of regret that the society is now faced with the probable prospect of closing down altogether. Certain members, a very few of them unfortunately, are so keen that they are directly opposed to any contemplation of this kind. It is possible, therefore, that the society will continue to exist. The difficulty of finding suitable accommodation is perhaps one of the most tricky obstacles to overcome. There are suggestions, one of them being that possibly one of the vacant rooms in the clock tower might be obtained. This would be an excellent way out of the difficulty. Another suggestion that has been advanced by a member is that meetings could be arranged to take place in private houses. This suggestion has not met with very much favour and it is not surprising, since it might involve the question of the member who has put his residence at the disposal of the

QUICKER CABLES.

THE EFFECTS OF WIRELESS COMPETITION.

The cable companies, according to a Reuters message, are feeling the effects of the development of wireless telegraphy, and in particular the competition of the beam system. The competition has reached such a stage and the financial effect has been so marked that the cable companies have approached the British Government with a request that the matter be fully investigated. Importance is attached to both methods, cables provide a greater measure of secrecy, are free from atmospheric interference, points of importance, to those using them. The wireless systems for general use and where secrecy is no great object of importance are proving themselves more speedy. Particularly is this true in the newspaper world. No newspaper reader in this country would now, we fancy, care to go back to the days when news cables came only over the peninsula land lines. True there were other routes available but they were too expensive for news messages, and were only resorted to by merchants because the other land lines were out of order. The Bangkok papers now receive as many messages as they can conveniently handle in the short time available between receipt and publication, and when the new radio station is open a considerable amplification of the existing services may be expected.—the inclusion of the messages now received by Manila for instance. The new radio station at Sala Deng will, of course, be used very largely for commercial work between here and Europe, and should do away very largely with the exasperating delays which now occur. Following the opening of this station one may look for improvement in the telegraphic communications between Bangkok and the Straits and F.M.S. At present the land lines on each side of the frontier function very imperfectly, and seldom regularly for two or three days together. The wireless instruments now in use in Bangkok are to be removed to Singora, we are told with the idea of supplementing the land connection with Penang and Singapore. Bangkok has important commercial relations with the Straits, and a reliable telegraph service will do much to facilitate trade. All merchants are hoping that the promise of a better service will be justified, for they have been very patient over a long period of years. Considerable use is made of the deferred system at week-ends to send messages to Europe, and the new route by land line to Bombay and thence by beam system, is being operated at competitive rates, and should not be without its appeal to the commercial community.

"Bangkok Times."

RADIO RATE WAR.

DEPRECATED BY MARCONI COMPANY.

In a statement to the Press, Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Company, Limited, says that the company has not been invited to participate in the discussions between the cable companies and Government.

The statement deprecates the suggestion of a rate war and says that it is prepared to discuss with the cable companies any means of co-operation, provided no restriction is imposed on the free development of wireless.

It points out that very shortly, the United States and Great Britain will communicate by means of the beam system.

Referring to the problem of "fading," the company says that if the wireless services of the Empire were operated as one unit, there would be no difficulty in securing continuous communication.

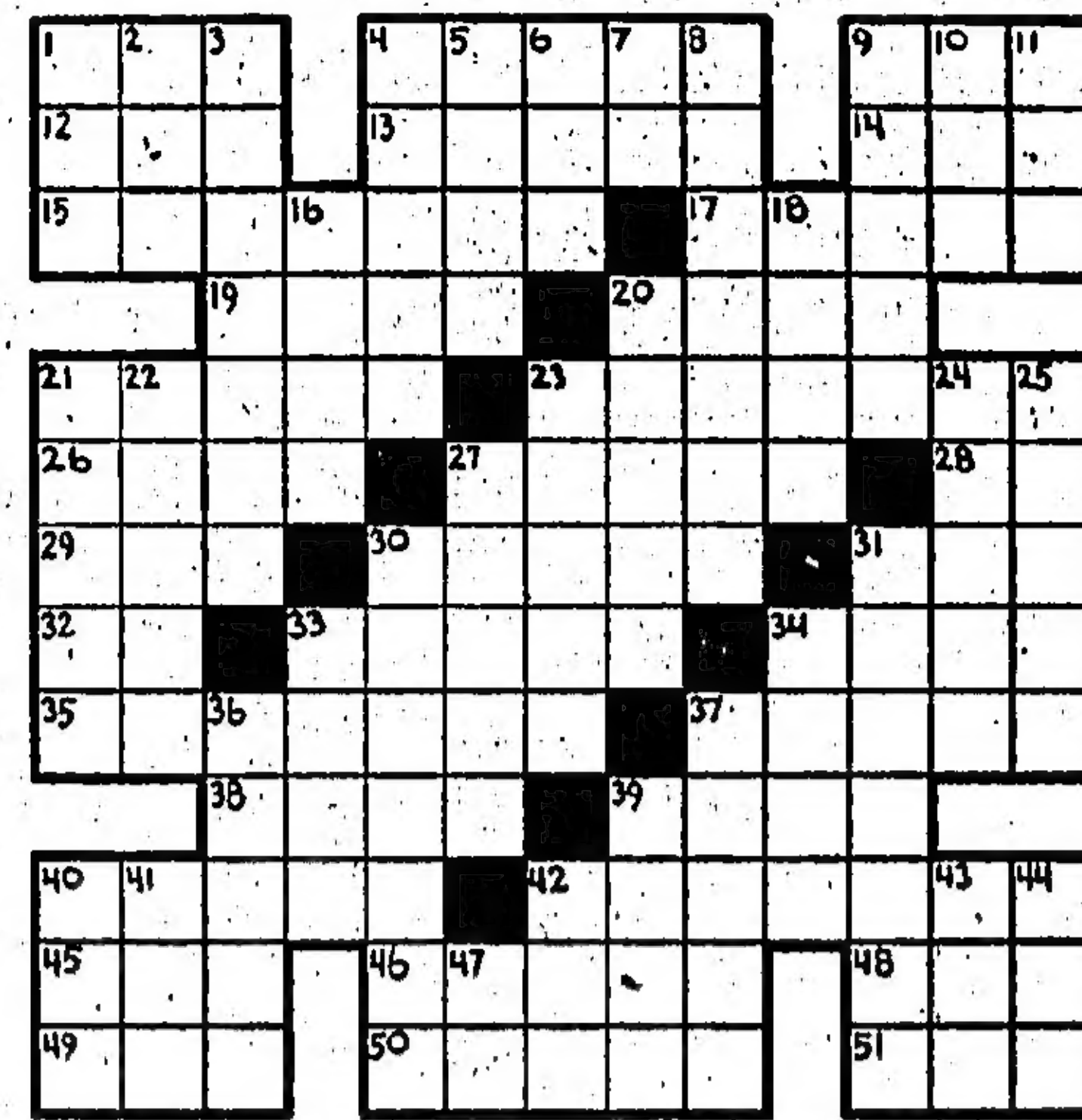
The company is prepared to submit to Government a comprehensive scheme, whereby the scattered parts of the Empire can be linked up with beam trunk services.

society, providing refreshment for large gatherings of members and their friends "complete with thirsts" as somebody remarked at the meeting.

Generally speaking, there is scope for the society to exist and to continue to encourage the development of wireless locally, as it undoubtedly has done in the past.—"Singapore Free Press."

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL

- 1—Female sheep
- 4—Worship
- 9—A drink
- 12—Hurried
- 13—Loaded
- 14—Engle
- 15—Ultra
- 17—Motionless
- 19—Deserve
- 20—Let it stand
- 21—Small spar
- 22—Choke
- 25—Hurried
- 27—Agitated
- 28—Musical note
- 30—Antiquated
- 30—Quarrel
- 31—Stroke lightly
- 32—Toward
- 33—State-like rock
- 34—Top of the head
- 35—Natural height of man
- 37—Timed

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 38—Aria
- 39—To get on
- 40—Foremost
- 42—Equality
- 43—Electrical atom
- 44—Select
- 46—Digit
- 46—Golf mound
- 50—Lavishness extreme
- 51—Musical note

VERTICAL

- 1—Before
- 2—Polish
- 3—Penetrated
- 4—Awake
- 5—Ruin by adverse criticism
- 6—Poem
- 7—Musical note
- 8—Newspaper man
- 9—Molars
- 10—Bin

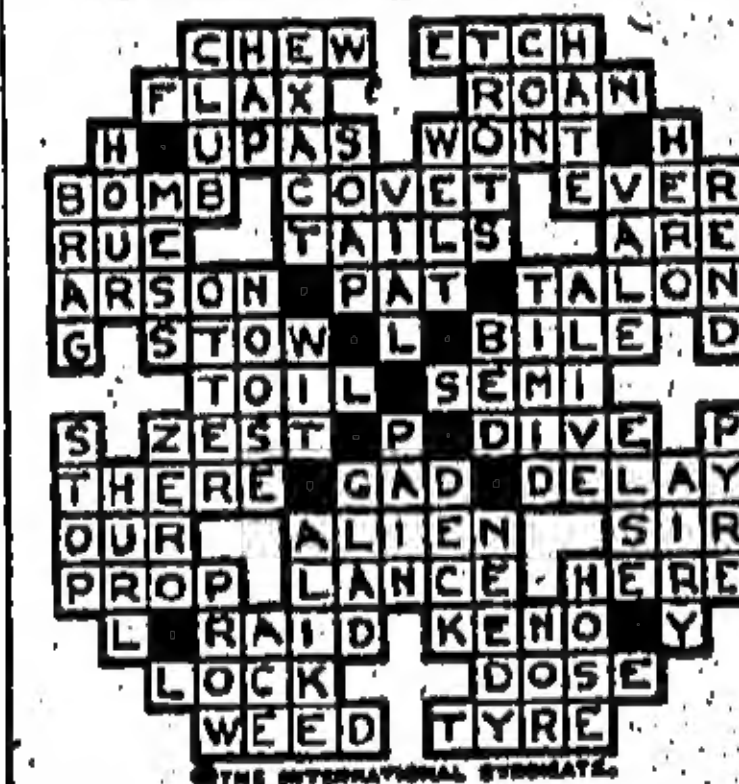
VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 11—Emmet
- 12—Hostile incursion
- 13—Earns as clear profit
- 20—Strike
- 21—Explosions of a gun
- 22—Guide
- 23—Trite
- 24—Buoy up
- 25—Classical
- 27—Extra tire
- 30—Turned aside
- 31—Protected inventions
- 33—Render senseless
- 34—Kind of rubber
- 35—Make amends
- 37—Vale
- 38—Destiny
- 40—Adapted to an end
- 41—Fish spawn
- 42—Boring tool
- 43—Voice of the dove
- 44—Fish
- 47—Behold

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES
 Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn will kill others. A letter belongs in each white space, words standing at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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Taimoshan	3124
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DEGREE DAY.

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great cause—the cause of healing and alleviation of human suffering—by his life-long fight against superstition and magic. Every one of you in the Faculty of Medicine owes him an undying debt; and those of you who go out into China to grapple with problems of sanitation and disease among a people whose trust is still largely placed in geomancy,—if I may so translate the phrase, *fung shui* (風水)—whose belief in demons is still very real, and much of whose pharmacy and medicine is to this day non-rational, cannot do better than take the life and work of Hippocrates as your inspiration. If on the one hand you admit in humbleness of heart that few men can rival in genius the Father of Medicine, yet on the other hand you may justly strengthen yourselves by reflecting that in equipment and in store of acquired medical and general scientific knowledge you are immeasurably better endowed than was Hippocrates.

On Mathematics.

The Faculty of Arts in this University at present includes the study of mathematics. This is as it should be, for in art alone is the human mind truly creative, and in no realm of thought is this fact more apparent than in pure mathematics. Take, for example, arithmetic and geometry. The most abstract construction of which human thought is capable is the zero of arithmetic, self-identical, incapable of differentiation and its quantum insusceptible of increase or decrease, the very type and symbol of that existential identity which forms the substratum of thought. We construct the zero of arithmetic as having neither magnitude nor position.

Let us then restore position while still abstracting extensively. Such a construction is the geometrical point or the unit of arithmetic. Neither can be found anywhere in *rerum natura*; but, when symbolised, they form the starting points of the sciences of plane geometry and of pure number. Go further and restore extensively as well as position. For example, take two geometrical points and connect them in the most direct manner possible. Such a construction we call a straight line. But here again we may make various distinctions according to the nature of the extension we restore. Thus we may concern ourselves only with the length of the line neglecting entirely its breadth. Such a thought-construction is the geometrical line. Or again we may make a thought-construction such that it has length and breadth without height. Such a construction we call a plane superficies and it is the abstraction on which plane geometry is based. Finally we can construct extensively of three dimensions and this is the fundamental construction of solid geometry, which no longer abstracts height from length and breadth.

We see, then, that geometry constructs its definitions, axioms and postulates and that even in its most complicated theorems the progress is by construction. Three straight lines can enclose a space, because we construct them to do so. But this is our own constructive act, for otherwise two of the three lines might be parallel, in which case another line crossing them would not enclose a space, or each of the lines might be in a different plane.

The figures in pure mathematics are such as thought makes them, and the elements of which they are constructed contain only the properties with which thought has endowed them. It is for this reason that the demonstrations of pure mathematics possess a certainty and universality such as no other sciences have achieved. In other words pure mathematics is *par excellence* the science in which bricks are made without straw or to use a more appropriate metaphor, the science in which thought unaided by anything external to itself sets out on strange voyages of exploration through uncharted seas.

Euclid of Alexandria. Mathematics has truly been called a Greek science and so far as pure geometry is concerned, the mathematician's technical equipment still is almost wholly Greek. The first great name is that of Thales of Miletus (about 624-547 B.C.), to whom are attributed the theorems that a circle is bisected by any diameter; that the angles at the base of an isosceles triangle are equal; that, if two straight lines cut one another, the vertically opposite angles are equal; that, if two triangles have two angles and one side respectively equal, the triangles are equal in all respects; and that the angle in a semi-circle is a right angle.

His greatest successor was Euclid of Alexandria, whose *Elements* in thirteen books, was still the work from which I was taught geometry as a school-boy. Euclid flourished about 300 B.C.; and, as Proclus said of him, he "brought to irrefragable demon-

stration the things which were only somewhat loosely proved by his predecessors." His instrument was the creative human intellect, little if at all aided by any tools or appliances.

Measuring the Earth.

But consider now the case of Eratosthenes of Cyrene, who died in 195 B.C., and who set himself the task of measuring the size of this earth upon which we live, only very partially explored at that date by the inhabitants of the Mediterranean, and believed by most men to be flat. The only instrument used by Eratosthenes was a *gnomon*, that is a staff so erected that the position of its shadow indicated the hour of the day. He had ascertained that at Syene, the modern Assuan, on the day of the summer solstice at noon, a well was lit up through all its depth by the sun's rays, so that Syene lay on the tropic. He knew that the distance between Syene and Alexandria was 5,000 stadia and he made the assumption that these two towns lay on the same meridian.

Accordingly he set up a *gnomon* at Alexandria and observed that, on the day of the summer solstice at noon, the sun cast a shadow from the *gnomon* at an angle equivalent to one-fiftieth of a great circle. With these data he calculated the polar circumference of the earth to be 250,000 stadia, or about 29,000 miles. His data were inaccurate and therefore his result was not correct.

Modern scientists have determined the earth's mean polar circumference to be 24,856 miles. But the method of Eratosthenes, depending in fact on the comparison of a line measured on the earth's surface with the corresponding arc of the heavens, is precisely that by which modern science with exact data has arrived at a correct measurement; and I commend the achievement of Eratosthenes to the mathematical undergraduates of the Arts Faculty as a remarkable illustration of what can be done in applied mathematics with the simplest appliances.

True Pioneers.

I need hardly dwell on the obvious fact that in other realms of art—poetry, prose, history, drama, painting, sculpture—the Greeks were true pioneers and that their wonderful achievements were the work of the creative human intellect with little or no help in the way of books, libraries, museum or other appliances, and with a legacy from the past that had often to be unlearned before any real progress was possible.

But in the science of engineering the case is different. I suppose the earliest efforts of human engineering were employed in improving the cave-dwellings of primitive man and in the manufacture of hunting implements. In both these respects the Greek contributions to mankind came comparatively late. Other races, Egyptian and Mesopotamian were the pioneers. The Greeks perfected. Moreover, it is the voice of the engineer which is loudest in the outcry against being required to make bricks without straw, and not without reason, for materials are necessary to the engineer; without them he is severely handicapped and perhaps cannot work at all; while the invention of tools and appliances is one of the chief glories of the engineer. Thus Archimedes of Syracuse, a contemporary of Eratosthenes, to whom he dedicated his *Method* is famous for inventing a tubular screw, still used in pumping water, and for combining pulleys so as to raise immense weights.

Yet even among engineers the greatest are those who can transcend the limitations of their environment and who, even if they do not make bricks entirely without straw, nevertheless come pretty near to doing so.

Irrigation Works.

A good example of what I mean are the wonderful irrigation-works constructed in Ceylon long before any knowledge of western engineering science came to that island. In the latter half of the fifth century A.D. there reigned over Anuradhapura a famous King Datusena, whose tragic story is one of the most moving episodes in the annals of Ceylon. His engineers with local labour and the most primitive appliances, dammed back the waters of the Kala-oya and built the marvellous reservoirs, known as Kalawewa and Balaluwewa, which originally had an area (it is said) of 40 miles in circumference, and extended as far as Dambulla.

The total length of the combined dams of these two reservoirs is about six miles and they are in places as much as 60 feet high. Therefore, the labour involved in their construction must have been enormous, far exceeding anything accomplished in Hong Kong, where we are so justly proud of our reservoirs. Much of the work has stood the test of time; and to-day, when the reservoir is full and one approaches it by road, there is a fine view from the foot of a little forest-covered hill over about eight square miles of water with distant mountains in the background. Nor is this all.

From a sluice in Kalawewa the engineers of King Datusena, without theodolites or levels, and guided simply by the knowledge that water flows downhill, constructed a wonderful canal, called the Yodi-ela, winding in and out between mountains and extending for fifty miles to the town of Anuradhapura, which it supplies with water to this day. It is a work to which any modern engineer might gladly point as his masterpiece; and it was achieved by human wit and patience, assisted only by the simplest and most primitive appliances. Unfortunately we do not know the names of the men who designed and supervised the construction of "this glorious work of fine intelligence." But what they did has insured to the benefit of generation upon generation of their fellow-countrymen and still stands as a monument to themselves and their King.

A Profound Lesson.

Members of the Congregation of the Hong Kong University! Is there not a profound lesson for ourselves in all this? Are we not apt to exclaim that here in the Hong Kong University we are called upon to make bricks without straw? Do we not say that our endowments are insufficient? That we would achieve much more, if only we had the money? That we are cramped for space in our buildings and restricted in our teaching by lack of equipment? All this is true enough and sad enough. Our weapons may be blunt. But surely it will not become us to snarl them and fling them from our hands. Rather must we stoop to build with worn-out tools the house not made with hands, that marvellous structure of human intelligence and human character which wrought with no other appliances than fortitude in adversity, patience in observation, perspicacity in obscurity, daring in speculation, caution in reflection, truthfulness in all things and loving-kindness towards all men, is and will ever remain the noblest creation which this earth can show.

Battle Dust.

Graduates and Undergraduates of the Hong Kong University! Is there not a special lesson herein for you too? Men and women alike, for you most of you be called upon to do your life's work in China; and in these days there spreads a cloud of battle-dust over China, which is no dreamer's vision but a terrible reality from the sight of which we can nowhere escape. It will not become you to hang craven-like along the battle-fringe or to creep away from the field of fight because your swords are not of keener edge.

Here in this University by patient and faithful work you must fit yourselves in due time to bring succour to your fellow-countrymen and to save a great cause, the cause of civilisation in China, by your heroism and, if it be required of you, by the sacrifice of your lives.

Never in its history did China have more bitter need that her sons and daughters should prove themselves to be unselfish, honest, well-taught, well-disciplined, courageous and truthful. Never had she greater need of that King's son who, though wounded, sore beset and weaponless will snatch up were it only a broken sword and lead men with it to salvation.

May your country's dire distress be to you both a clarion-call and an inspiration! And may your training in this University fit you, one and all, to come to the rescue of a civilisation, once the admiration of the world, but now falling in ruin before our eyes!

REBUILDING A BRIDGE.

S.R. Service Alterations.

London, Dec. 1.

A big engineering job is being undertaken by the Southern Railway engineers on Sunday in connection with the reconstruction of a bridge carrying one of the Southern Railway main lines over the River Medway near Maidstone. This bridge is on the route used as an alternative to the Tonbridge line for the heavy Continental boat express running between Victoria and Folkestone and Dover, and in order to bring the bridge up to the standard that will take the heavy King Arthur and Lord Nelson class engines now hauling these trains, it has been necessary to reconstruct it completely. The lines between Maidstone and Barming will be entirely closed on Sunday to railway traffic, in order to allow the old timber flooring of the bridge to be replaced by the new steel floor, which is 125ft. long and 26ft. wide, and weighs 180 tons. This work will necessitate the temporary removal of both railway tracks for a distance of about fifty yards, and during the twenty-six hours this work is in progress passengers will be conveyed between Maidstone East and Barming stations by a service of motor omnibuses. Certain slight alterations have also had to be made in the train service between Victoria and Ashford (via Maidstone East) on that day. A pamphlet giving the full service is obtainable at Southern Railway stations.

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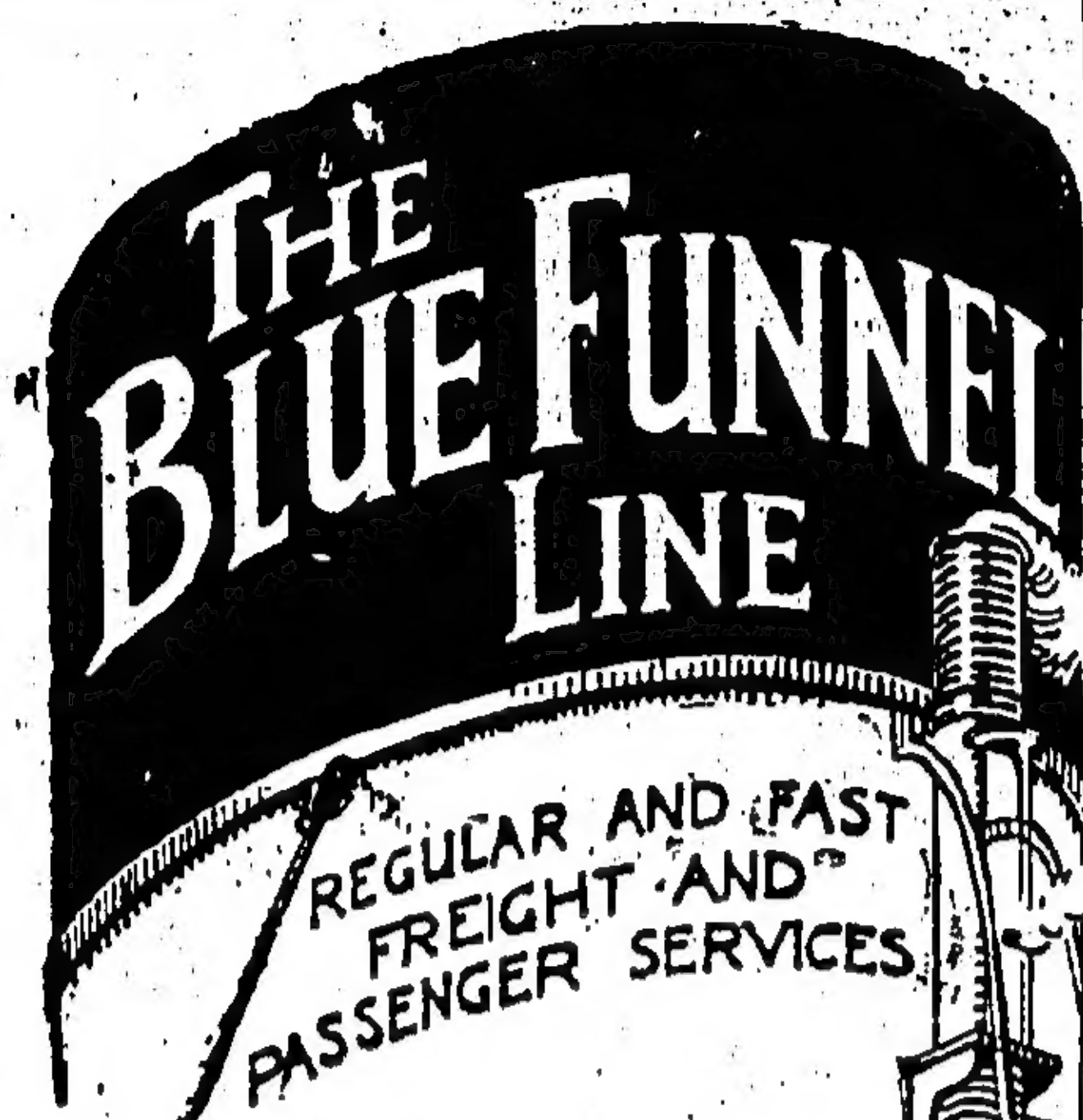
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Shanghai, Japan & Europe via Siberia 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa 9 a.m.

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

"TIDAL BORE."

Cause of Disastrous Floods.

COMMISSION OF INQUIRY.

Extensive Measures For Relief Of Sufferers.

Rugby, Yesterday.
This afternoon the high tide in the Thames was anxiously awaited by the riverside inhabitants and barricades were keenly watched by officials and workmen. The tide, however, caused no further flooding. Water trickled through the barricades at Lambeth, but these were quickly strengthened. No further overflow is expected if the rain and wind hold off, and the river should subside normally after to-morrow. Lord Desborough, Chairman of the Thames Conservancy, reviewed the flood situation at a meeting of the Conservancy to-day. He attributed Friday's disastrous floods, in which 14 lives were lost, to an influx of water from the North Sea "amounting almost to a tidal bore."

He said that the wet period preceding Christmas Day resulted in a flow of river rising from its maximum capacity of 4,500,000,000 gallons to 9,000,000,000 gallons. That was a very serious amount of water. Then came the heavy snowfall of Christmas. If the snow had thawed quickly those 9,000,000,000 gallons would have been increased to such an extent that there would have been a record flood. Fortunately, the snow did not thaw until the 9,000,000,000 gallons had fallen to 4,600,000,000. In his opinion the volume of water in the river had very little to do with the disaster. Dealing with the question of measures to prevent a repetition of such an occurrence Lord Desborough thought a remedy was to build a barrage across the estuary of the Thames from Tilbury to Gravesend with locks in it.

Government's Attitude.

It is stated that the Government may set up a commission of inquiry into the causes of disaster if the various river and a municipal authorities concerned desire such an investigation.

Central Relief Fund.

Extensive measures are being taken for the relief of those who have had to leave their homes and those who have lost their belongings. The Mayors of various boroughs of London are co-operating with the Lord Mayor in administering one central fund to which donations are coming in freely. Those rendered destitute have already been supplied with the immediate necessities of food and clothing by church societies and soup kitchens.—British Wireless Service.

2,000 HOUSES DAMAGED.

Hundreds of Thousands for Repairs.

London, Yesterday.
It is estimated that 2,000 houses and their contents were more or less seriously damaged in the Thames flood. The cost of repairing them and the embankments and roadways will run into hundreds of thousands sterling. Lord Desborough, presiding at a meeting of the Thames Conservancy Board, stated that the disaster was not due to the flood water but to the high tide, almost amounting to a bore, rushing in from the North Sea.—Reuter.

NOT A BOMB.

EXPLOSION OF FIREWORKS IN MADRID.

NO FATALITIES.

Madrid, Yesterday.
With reference to the message via Paris, cabled yesterday, it is explained that it was not bomb-throwing but an explosion of fireworks in Plaza de Cordoba, in which several persons were injured. Nobody has died so far.—Reuter.
[The following is the telegram referred to.—A telegram from Madrid states that a dozen persons were injured, several fatally, at a fireworks display at Plaza de Cordoba, as a result of unknown persons hurling bombs into the crowd. The motive is believed to be political.]

WORLD FLIGHT.

From London to Singapore.

RETURN VIA CHINA.

Cargo And Passengers To Be Picked Up.

London, Yesterday.
Two ex-Flying Officers, J. S. Newall and Neville Vincent, left the Stag Lane Aerodrome, London, this morning on a world flight via France, Italy, Greece, Mesopotamia, India, and Singapore and back via China and Russia.

In addition to Messrs. Newall and Vincent the Air Force members' party, which is using two three-seater aeroplanes, includes a photographer, Mr. Childs, an engineer, Mr. King, and Mrs. Wise Parker who will be a passenger as far as Cairo.

The airman intend to use their machines between India and Singapore to pick up cargo and passengers at various ports.—Reuter.

Fatality to Airman.

Rugby, Yesterday.
The Air Ministry announces that as a result of an accident at Hinaidi Aerodrome to a Bristol fighter machine of No. 6 Army Co-operation Squadron, Mosul, to-day, Pilot-Officer Lionel Fisher, Royal Air Force, pilot of the aircraft, was killed, and Lieutenant Sidney Hasekirk, King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, attached to the Iraq levies, was dangerously injured.—British Wireless Service.

MR. TIM HEALY.

BANQUET TO MARK HIS RETIREMENT.

TRIBUTE TO THE KING.

Dublin, Yesterday.
There was a felicitous atmosphere at the banquet given by the Executive Council in honour of



Mr. T. M. Healy.

Mr. Tim Healy (Governor-General of Irish Free State) on the eve of his retirement. Among those who attended were the Roman Catholic and Protestant Archbishops.

Mr. Healy spoke on British and Irish relationships and emphasised that the British during the past year had not interfered in any Irish matter to the extent of a little or scintilla, while regarding the talk of "our foreign King" he averred that "the latter is a gentleman. We know his pedigree and I wish we knew as much about those who talk of his interference in Irish affairs."

Mr. Cosgrave, presiding, wished Mr. Healy a well-earned rest, enjoying the affection and admiration of everyone in Ireland.—Reuter.

EXILED.

FATE OF TROTSKY AND HIS COMRADES.

SOME FOR SIBERIA.

Riga, Yesterday.
According to a report from Moscow, Trotsky, Kamenev, Radok Zinovief, Bakovsky and other Communist ex-leaders have been exiled to remote provinces and some even to Siberia.—Reuter.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2/6 7/16.

COTTON CRISIS.

Expenditure on Social Services.

MUNICIPAL OUTLAYS.

Longer Hours And Less Wages For Employees?

London, Yesterday.
Following the meeting of the Federation of Master Cotton Spinners and the Manufacturers' and Spinners' Association, the two reports, which were forwarded to the operatives' Unions with a view to a joint conference to consider the conclusions, are now published.

The federation of Master Cotton Spinners recommends the immediate readjustment of finances "by a scheme thoroughly clarifying their position" in the case of Companies financially unable to compete. The Government should most strongly and continually receive representations to reduce the expenditure on social services by Local Authorities and it should similarly be exhorted to reduce Municipal expenditure.

They also recommend an extension of hours to 52½ weekly, a reduction of the standard piece price list by 25 per cent., and the equivalent on other rates, and the removal of Trade Union restrictions relating to cleaning and oiling, "which materially reduce production."

Reduction of Charges.

The bleaching, dyeing, finishing, packing, and other organisations having fixed standard charges should be asked to co-operate with the spinners and members with a view to securing a definite reduction of charges. The closest co-operation should be established between spinners, manufacturers, and machinists with a view to bringing merchanting to the highest state of efficiency.

The Federation adds that the decrease in production due to the reduction of hours to 48, is largely responsible for the present position. It claims that the wages cut would represent only a 12½ per cent. cut in current earnings, the larger working week practically making up the difference.

No Political Measures.

The recommendations of the Manufacturers' Association are almost identical, but it considers that a wages reduction should be conditional on the operatives accepting increased hours. It urges the abolition of all political measures as "handicapping the cotton trade in foreign competition." It recommends an inquiry into freights and carriage charges.—Reuter.

[A cable published on Saturday stated:—At a joint meeting of the Federation of Master Cotton Spinners' Associations and the Cotton Spinners' and Manufacturers' Association to consider the employers' suggested reduction of wages by 12½ per cent. and an extension of hours to 52 weekly, it was decided to request the operatives to confer with the employers as soon as possible. The Unions intend to resist both suggestions. The question of hours is likely to become the major issue as the workers have long demanded a legalised 48-hours week.]

SPAN OF LIFE.

MILLION DOLLARS FOR RESEARCH WORK.

DONATION TO UNIVERSITY.

Chicago, Yesterday.
Mr. Albert Lasker, ex-Chairman of the United States Shipping Board, and his wife have donated a million dollars to Chicago University for the establishment of a Lasker Foundation in Medical Research into the cause and prevention of disease among the middle-aged and old-aged with a view to ascertaining how to prolong human life.—Reuter.

FRANCE & CANADA.

LEGATIONS TO BE MUTUALLY ESTABLISHED.

Paris, Yesterday.
The French and Canadian Governments have signed an agreement creating a Canadian Legation in France and a French Legation in Ottawa.—Reuter.

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